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FOREWORD

I would like to explain why I am having *The History of the John Boland Family* published. As a young man I was very interested in the early life of the Boland family, and as the years passed I became more interested. My family and I have visited in South Carolina several times where the "Grand Old Man John Boland" first settled, lived, died, and is buried.

On one of these visits I learned that a cousin of mine, the Reverend Lawson Pettus Boland, author of this book, (mostly for his own satisfaction, curiosity and benefit) had gathered information from different ones of the Boland family and others and had compiled it in his own handwriting. My wife and I made a special visit to see him in his home at Barber, North Carolina. What a delightful visit it was! We found that about half of the material for the book had been typed. After talking to him, we realized that he would like to have it published, so I voluntarily agreed to have it put into book form. We brought all the material home with us.

In April of this year, 1963, my wife and I visited him again to find out more about his wishes concerning certain parts that were not clear to us. Upon returning home, with the help of my good wife, my oldest daughter, Sarah Pearl, and my youngest daughter, Mary Anne, we have typed, typed and retyped. With Cousin Pettus' permission, after writing, telephoning, and traveling several thousand miles, we gathered other information which has been added—mostly on William, Fred, and Ephraim Walter Boland (grandsons of John Boland) better known in South Carolina as the "Mississippi Bolands." Ephraim Walter's family, with a few exceptions, is almost complete down to his great great great grandchildren, as of September 1, 1963. The reason for this is that he is my grandfather and naturally I know more about his family than the others. I have added some information on a few families in South Carolina, because we have visited in their homes and have become personally acquainted with them.

In reading this book, I call your attention to the fact that Cousin Pettus' writing ended in the year 1955, while the additions I have made were during the year 1963.

I could say much about Cousin Pettus, but you will read about him later. I will say this, I wish every one who has Boland blood in their veins could know him, for to know him is to love him, to be with him, to talk to him, and then to think about him after you have parted makes you want to be a better person.

I hope you will enjoy reading this book as much as my wife and I have enjoyed making it possible to be published.

WALTER SMITH BOLAND
ARCOLA, MISSISSIPPI

PREFACE

The writing and compiling of the Boland history has been a very great pleasure as well as a great source of knowledge to me. Personally, its research has been very interesting. In my long life, which covers a span of more than eighty years, I never thought of writing such a history until the present year.

The thought came about in this way. A thought of the remarkable number of descendants my father and mother, Middleton and Barbara Boland, have and have had—children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and great great great grandchildren. It is true when I began to think of this, I knew the number was large but had no idea it was nearly so large as it is. In my research I find the number to exceed greatly four hundred persons, both living and dead. A record which began with the birth of their first-born son, David, in 1849 and which comes down to this present year, 1955. What a record! Can you find its equal? Then this led to other thoughts. How many of these descendants have attended colleges and universities? How many have graduated from these colleges and universities? What is the number of professions in which these descendants have engaged? How many have served their country in war? These and similar questions in my mind led me to investigate and make research. The more I investigated and the more research I made the more interested I became. Then came the thought, why not write these facts down? This I did, not with a thought of publication, but for my own satisfaction and the satisfaction of others who might be interested.

Then came another thought. Why not make such an investigation and research of all the Boland family and gather such information for my personal satisfaction and the satisfaction of others who might be interested? Such were the thoughts which led me to write the history.

I only regret I did not think of this many years before when I was younger, in better health, had more time, and would have been more able to write a more extensive and a more perfect history. But as it were, I realized that what I wanted to do I had to do quickly. In fact, all the time I was writing, I wrote with a fear that I might not be able to accomplish my undertaking. Were I sure now that I might live long enough and have sufficient health to do so, I would gladly make all further investigation possible and rewrite the history more satisfactorily.

When I began the work, I knew something of the Bolands but not nearly so much as I now know—not half as much. Of course, the knowledge I obtained in the writing of the history I obtained through research and others who have kindly helped me. Of all those who helped me I would like to make mention if they were not so many. However, I shall make mention of a few who have been of special help. I want to make special mention of my esteemed niece, Mrs. Mattie Boland Matthews and her son, David,

of Little Mountain, South Carolina. At my request I secured much valuable information from them which they secured from grave slabs, family Bible records, and other sources. Then, I want to make special mention of Miss Edna Roof of Lincolnton, North Carolina, for her valuable help on the Henry Boland family. Miss Edna is a great granddaughter of Henry Boland who was one of the sons of John Boland from Hesse, Germany. I want also to mention the name, Mrs. Blandina Boland Bounds, wife of R. E. Bounds of Slate Springs, Mississippi, for her valuable information of the Bolands of Mississippi. Blandina is a granddaughter of my Uncle Walter Boland of Mississippi. I make special mention of Berley Boland of Prosperity, South Carolina, for his valuable information on the Adam Boland family. Berley is a grandson of my Uncle Adam Boland. I want to especially mention my highly esteemed friend and kinsman, W. B. Shealy, of Little Mountain, South Carolina, for his much valued information on the Katie Boland Shealy family. W. B. Shealy is a grandson of Aunt Katie, my father's only sister. Then, many thanks to my many nephews and nieces of various places and other kinsmen and kinswomen who have rendered me much valuable information on theirs and my family, the Middleton and Barbara Boland family.

(1963)

It is now, as this book is going to the printer, that I most earnestly and sincerely want to thank my cousin, Walter Smith Boland, (grandson of Uncle Walter Boland, whose name he bears) for having this book published and to him I will be forever grateful. Then, to his esteemed wife, Jessie Pearl, his talented daughters, Sarah Pearl and Mary Anne, I extend my most hearty thanks.

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HISTORY OF THE JOHN BOLAND FAMILY

A brief history of the John Boland family in South Carolina and other states, written and compiled by L. P. Boland, a great grandson of John Boland, the sire of the family.

CHAPTER I

In a sketch of the Boland family found in the "Annals of Newberry," which is a history of Newberry County, S. C., which begins with page 623, we find this statement: "John Boland, the sire of this great family, came from the Vaterland about the year 1784." It says, "he was twenty two years old when he came, and died in 1832, and was eighty years old when he died." I do not know the source of information from which the author wrote, but I do know that these statements, as well as other statements in this sketch, are in error.

John Boland did not come from Germany as an immigrant in 1784 at the age of twenty-two years and died in 1832 at the age of eighty. The truth of it is, he came to America as a Hessian soldier in perhaps 1775, or not later than 1776. This is a fact we shall prove in our history.

If John Boland had migrated in 1784 at the age of twenty-two years and died in 1832, then a careful study of the figures will show that he was seventy years old when he died, and not eighty. Then we have it from the headstone of Abraham Boland that Abraham Boland was born May 20, 1784, the same year the sketch in the "Annals of Newberry" tells us John Boland came from Germany. Abraham was John's oldest son. Since this is true, how then could John Boland have come from Germany in 1784 and in less than five months settled, become acquainted with, courted, married a wife, and become a father in that short a time? There are other errors we could prove as easily as those.

As we have already stated, John Boland came to America either in 1775 or 1776 as a Hessian soldier. These years mark the beginning of the American Revolutionary War. This was the time Great Britain purchased 20,000 mercenary soldiers from the Duke of Brunswick who was at the time Landgrave of Hesse and other German Provinces, to fight her cause against America. I do not know how true it may be, but it has been said Great Britain had to do this because she was unable to raise an army of British soldiers to fight against their kinsmen in America. True or false, these Hessians were purchased by Great Britain to fight her cause.

The first we heard of them was at the Battles of Trenton, N. J. on December 25, 1775 and Princeton January 1, 1776. Perhaps, and likely, John Boland was in one or both battles. That is why we say he came to America either in 1775 or 1776.

Being as it may, John Boland did not stay in the British service. Like many of his Hessian comrades, he deserted and allied himself with the American forces. He did this because he did not come to America after his own liking, but because he was forced to do so. Such was the story told to me from the time I was quite young by my father, uncles, and others who knew. Incidentally, the most substantial proof I have come to me indirectly from a man well known in the "Dutch Fork," born early in the nineteenth century, and who died a very old man, Captain George Epting. Captain Epting, known for his integrity and fine memory, told other people who told me that he knew well John Boland and other Hessian soldiers who settled in the "Dutch Fork" after the war. One of the persons who told me this was my oldest brother, Dave

Boland, who was a son in law of Captain Epting. Captain Epting said he often heard John Boland and his comrades talk and tell of their experiences.

Recent information taken from the records of the Archives of South Carolina shows that John Boland served in the early part of the American Revolutionary War in a German Unit with the British, 1st Infantry Regiment. He later transferred to the American side and served with the South Carolina Militia as a forager (getting supplies for troops) during the Southern Campaign in the Carolinas (1780-1781). Also records from the Staats Archiv, Marburg, Germany, show that John Boland was a soldier in the 1st Infantry Regiment during the Revolutionary War. This later information clearly proves what I have said about him fighting as a British soldier and his desertion to the American cause.

One of the stories of their experiences that impressed him most was of their desertion. He heard them say that when they decided to desert, some of their Hessian comrades tried to discourage it and persuade them not to. They told them of the many horrible stories the British told about the American people, that they were the most uncivilized, brutal, treacherous people in the world. In fact, they were everything bad that they could conceive of, and should they desert, the Americans surely would mistake them for spies and kill them. But despite all these efforts of discouragement, they did desert and went to General Washington and made overtures. To these overtures General Washington replied somewhat in this way: "Yes, we will be very glad for you to join us in our cause for freedom. If we gain our cause and you do not care to return to your native Germany, we will be glad to make you citizens of our country, give you some of our land for homes and our daughters for wives. In short, we will be glad to give you all the privileges of freedom and happiness we are fighting for and expect to have."

The next question is when did John Boland come to South Carolina and settle. Since the war closed October 16, 1781 with the surrender of Cornwallis to Washington at Yorktown, Virginia, and since John's oldest son, Abraham, was born May 20, 1784, it is likely he came about the middle of 1782 or not later than the early part of 1783, and settled in the "Dutch Fork."

Another question is why did he choose the "Dutch Fork" as a place of settlement. We do not know why. Perhaps he had served in the war in the South under Lincoln in the siege of Charleston, or under Gates at Camden, or perhaps later under Green. If under Green, he was in some of those famous retreats Green made to save his army, and if so he perhaps came near the "Dutch Fork," or invaded it. We do know there were Hessian soldiers in the South, and John Boland might have been one of them. If so, it is obvious why he chose this "Dutch Fork" for settlement. It was settled entirely by Germans, and was one hundred per cent Lutheran. Then these people were noted for their honesty and sterling qualities. Also, the soil was very fertile and the climate congenial. Incidentally, a description of this "Dutch Fork" might not here be out of place. The "Dutch Fork" was a strip of land between the Broad and Saluda rivers, very thickly timbered. It extended from a few miles west of Columbia, where the two rivers converged, to as far or further west than Little Mountain.

The place where John Boland settled is interesting. It was about three miles south of Little Mountain, and about the same distance from the present town of Chapin. It was in a dense forest of very large and tall long leaf pines. I can well remember as a boy those beautiful forests. They were a beauty to behold. But they have long since fallen victims to the saw mill to such an extent that you can scarcely find a tree today. Today such a farm as John then had would be of great value. Yet at that time it cost him but little, and was perhaps given to him for his service in the army.



Top—THE OLD BOLAND HOME

Bottom—THE OLD BOLAND CEMETERY

The place is still marked by a very old house that has undergone many repairs. It could be the house John built. However, we rather think it a second house built by Abraham Boland that replaced the original. If the first house, it is where John lived with both his first and second wives, and where his eight sons and two daughters were born. If it was built by Abraham, it is where he and his wife spent their entire married life, and where their nine sons and one daughter were born. The house also where many another Boland first saw the light, as well as the house where many other children have been born who were not Bolands. The last Boland to own and occupy the old home was another John Boland, a great grandson of the old sire. Since John, the great grandson disposed of the place as a residence, it has passed into many hands. The present owner and occupant is Mr. Edgar Rish. If this history is ever published, I trust a picture of the old house might be incorporated.

Nearby is the old cemetery in which there are at least twelve, and we think thirteen graves. Ten of these graves are marked, and two distinct graves are unmarked, to our shame. The two distinct unmarked graves are evidently those of John Boland and the wife of his second marriage. The indistinct one we think the grave of the first wife, who was my great grandmother, if not, then we do not know where she was buried. Two of the marked graves are those of Abraham and Christina, oldest son and wife. Other graves are those of Ozro and Lavena, a grandson and wife; Loran T. Boland and Mary Christina Boland, great granddaughters; and Jacob Early Boland, Corrie Floyd Boland, Mary Alma Boland, and Brooks Enas Boland, all four great great grandchildren.

Coming back to the family life of John Boland. He was twice married. His first marriage was to a widow Counts, likely in 1783. We do not know the maiden name nor the surname of this widow Counts. There are, however, many Counts in and around Little Mountain today. The second marriage after the death of his first wife was to a Miss Feltman, but we do not know her maiden name. There are no Feltmans that we know of today.

Of his first marriage was born one son, Abraham. Of his second were born seven sons and two daughters. We do not know the order of their births, but they were John, Jr. Henry, Adam, George, William, David, Jacob, Mary, and Barbara. All of these names are familiar Boland names. We find many of them running through the Boland history.

Of the children of the second marriage we know nothing except of Henry. The other six sons and two daughters migrated to other quarters, we know not where. It is thought that they migrated to Georgia, but we do not know. We do know that there are many Bolands in Georgia. If they are the descendants, and if they were as prolific as the Bolands they left behind, it is no wonder there are many Bolands in Georgia, for the Bolands left behind and those who migrated to Mississippi have certainly been diligent in their obedience to the Lords command, "to increase and replenish the earth." Personally I am sorry there have been "eight lost tribes" to the Boland history. I feel sure their history would be both rich and interesting. But while we lament the loss, we thank God for Henry and a partial history of his family. We shall write of them in another chapter.

The last question is, when and at what age did John Boland die. As already stated in the "Annals of Newberry," he died in 1832 at the age of eighty years. I think 78 years is nearer correct. I base this belief on what I heard my father say of his grandfather. I often heard him say that he remembered his grandfather well, but was quite young when he died. My father was born January 20, 1826. If his grandfather died in 1832, then Father was about six years old when his grandfather died. Quite young, but still old enough to remember him well. Then too, it was possible but hardly

probable that he was eighty years old when he died. If he died in 1832 and was eighty years old when he died, then he was born in 1752 and was twenty-three years old when he came to America in 1775 as a soldier. It seems a little old to be drafted. I still think he was more likely seventy-eight years old at his death. Speaking of my father saying he was young enough when his grandfather died and yet old enough to remember him well, I think there was one incident in my father's life which perhaps caused him to remember his grandfather well, and I am going to give the incident as the closing of the chapter. I have often heard my father tell it. The story goes this way. One day Father and his two year older brother, Walter, were left alone with the grandfather. Boy like, they got into mischief, which displeased the grandfather, so he pulled down his hickory. Walter, seeing the coming danger, was large enough to run and get out of the way. My father was too young and small to run, and had to bear the brunt of the old man's wrath. The result was such a whipping he never had, neither before nor since. After the whipping his grandfather said, "Now Middleton, das was jist a little gawtion." Father would always laugh and close the story by saying that if that was just a little caution, then he wanted none of the old man's real whipping.

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Receipt to John Boland for provisions and forage for
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N^o 2. To Two Hundred & sixty weight of flour. — — £13. 0. 0
N^o 3. June the 21st 1781. To Twelve Dozen of Oats. — — £-6 0 0
N^o 4. Feb^r: the 13th 1782. To a Barke of flour 220 Next £13. 10 0
N^o 5. Feb^r: the 27th 1781. To 30. Dozen of Oats & 50^{lb}. weight flour £17. 10 0
State of S^c Carolina } £53. 0 0
Orangeburgh & 9th Dist^{ct} } Personally appeared John Boland, and made Oath
that the above Acct. are just & true and that he
has not Received any part of payment thereof. £7. 11. 5
Sworn to. June the 12th 1783. } Receipts was produced for all the above
before me Mich^l Gentry J^r. } 43rd of June 1783 Robert Anderson

State of S^c Carolina
Orangeburgh & 9th Dist^{ct} } Personally appeared John
Adam Sumner Esq^r my Intent
to be sworn to by John Anderson
Commissioner for said Dist^{ct} a witness my Hand
this 15th of June 1785.
To the Hon^{ble} Sec^y of Publick Affairs & Treasurer
of the State of S^c Carolina
Respectfully
Yours
John Anderson

In both the above receipts notice that John Boland's signature is signed in German.

CHAPTER II

ABRAHAM AND EVE CHRISTIANA BOLAND AND FAMILY

Coming to the second chapter of the Boland Family, it shall be our aim in this chapter to treat of the lives of Abraham and Eve Christiana Boland and their children.

Abraham Boland was the oldest of John Boland's sons. he was not only the oldest, but the only son of John's first marriage. He was born and reared on the farm of his father near Little Mountain, S. C. He is buried in the old family cemetery with his father, only a few hundred yards from the place of his birth. His tombstone bears this inscription: "In Memory of Abraham Boland who was born the 20th of May 1784 and died 12th January 1837. Age 52 years and 7 months 28 days." Like his father, he was a farmer.

Early in life, we do not know the year nor month nor day, he was united in marriage to Eve Christiana Sease, from a very prominent family of the community and state. Today we find Seases in Newberry, Lexington, Spartanburg, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Barnwell, and perhaps other counties in South Carolina, and where you find Seases you find people who have lives not to be ashamed of. I for one am proud of the fact that my grandmother was a member of that family. She is buried beside her husband in the old Boland cemetery. Her tombstone bears this inscription: "In Memory of Eve C. Boland, wife of Abraham Boland. Born July 13, 1787 and died November 11, 1851. Age 64 years, 8 months and 28 days".

Of this union there were born nine sons and one daughter: William, Fred, John Adam, Levi, Catherine (Katie), Mark, Joseph, Walter, Middleton, and Ozro.

Both Abraham and Eve Boland were devout and consecrated members of nearby St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, better known as "The Old Piney Woods Church". It was in this church they had all of their children baptized in early infancy, and then they trained them by precept and example in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and to the love and practice of all that is good. It was here they instructed and had them catechized and confirmed in the faith of their fathers, and it was in this faith that most of their children lived and died - - - many of them all their lives in this, "The Old Piney Woods Church". Incidentally, it was where my father and mother, I, and all of my brothers and sisters were baptized in infancy, and where all but four were catechised and confirmed.

At Abraham's death, he had \$4,810.24 in cash, which was a sizable amount in that day. This money was divided between his widow and ten children. After her death 1851, two years later in 1853, the records show that the home and land was deeded to the youngest son, Ozro; under what terms we do not know. Abraham's two sons, Levi and Fred, were administrators of his estate. There is a record of the cash settlement, dated November 3, 1838. After Ozro's death the land was left to his two sons, Dan and John.

WILLIAM BOLAND

Coming now to the history of the ten children of Abraham and Eve Christiana Boland, I shall give a brief history of each beginning with William, the oldest, who was born at the old homestead January 7, 1809, and departed this life at his home in Big Creek, Calhoun County, Mississippi, September 3, 1895. Aged 86 years, 7 months, and 28 days.

I never knew Uncle William personally; although, I was about twenty-one years old when he died. The reason was that we lived in different states. It is true I once lived in Mississippi, but this was after Uncle Williams death. However, I often heard my father and many others who did know him speak of him in the highest terms saying that Uncle William was a pious, chaste, and refined man, most highly esteemed by all who knew him. In every place he lived, he was a leader both in civic and religious activities. While he lived in South Carolina and after his migration to Mississippi, his chief profession was farming; however, he did teach school some in South Carolina. He was a slave owner, and records show of his paying as high as \$600 for a slave.

He was twice married. His first marriage was to Anna Catherine Bower of South Carolina. In 1838, they migrated west, first settling in Ittawamba County, Mississippi. Today there is still a community known as the "Carolina Community," named for him and others who came from South Carolina. There was, also, a Bolands Post Office, named for Wililam Boland. It is not in existence today, and I do not know the day it was established or when discontinued. The Memoirs of Mississippi and old maps show that it did exist. The old settlers there remember being told by their forefathers of this post office. A present-day store called Carolina Store is standing on the site of the old Bolands Post Office. This is, also, a voting precinct.

In 1850, the records show that he bought land at Big Creek, Mississippi in Calhoun County and moved there the same year. It was there some years later that his first wife died. Later, he married Mrs. E. J. G. Walton, who departed this life October 27, 1893, about two years before his death.

When I lived in Mississippi, about six years after his death, it was my privilege to visit his old home and, also, the old Chapel Hill Cemetery at Big Creek, where he and his wives are buried. I was impressed with the epitaph on his tomb: "An old man full of the Holy Ghost.'

In his will, Cedelle Edward Boland, his youngest brother, was named the sole benefactor of his estate, which consisted of his home and several hundred acres of land. The home still stands and is in a good state of repairs at Big Creek.

FRED BOLAND

Fred, the second son, was born in the old Boland homestead possibly the latter part of 1810, but more likely in the early part of 1811. He died and is buried in Calhoun County, Miss., about ten miles west from Big Creek.

Years before his migration to Mississippi he was united in marriage to Dollie Bickley from Little Mountain, S.C. Like the Bolands in those days, the Bickleys lived near "The Old Piney Woods Church," and were baptized, catechised and confirmed there.

Uncle Fred and Aunt Dollie became the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters: Uriah, Wesley, Sarah Ann, Louise, Wiliam, Jim, Catherine, George, and Henrietta.

Uriah married Frances Chatham, but had no children. Wesley married a Miss Denley. They were the parents of three children: Billy Capers, Georgia Ann, and Maggie. Wesley went off to fight in the Confederate Army, and was never heard from. Sarah Ann was married twice. First to Elias Johnson. They were the parents of two sons, Elias, Jr. and Wash. After the death of Mr. Johnson, Sarah Ann married Jim Mounger. They also were the parents of two sons, Jessie and Gibbie. Louise married Frank Carter. They were the parents of ten children: Johnny, Sudie, Mason, Ella,

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and hereby both in body and mine as
witness hereof. I do by my hand and seal
this 9th day September 1843
John, H. Sutter
per Boland

Copy of the original purchase of a slave by William Boland,
the first son of Abraham and Eva Christiana Boland.

Emma, Robert, Jim, Anneta, Ary, and Emmet. William, third son of Uncle Fred, married Louisa Carter. They were the parents of seven children: Margaret, Willie, Betty, Bradford, Emma, Ada, and Edd.

We only have information on two of William and Louisa's children, Ada and Edd.

Ada is married to Ben Poe and both are living in Calhoun City, Miss. They are both very old. They have five children: Fred, Pete, Allen, Euell Ray, and Sybell. Fred is married and has two girls. He is in service overseas. His wife lives in Biloxi, Miss. Pete is married to Georga Mae Crutchfeld, and they live in Derma, Miss. They have no children. Allen is married to Idell Stewart and they live in Calhoun City. They have no children. Euell Ray is married to Lucy Lollar, and they live in Big Creek, Miss. They have five children. Sybell is married to Esker Coker. They have seven children, and live in Calhoun City.

Edd Boland married Ary Carter and they have eleven children, ten still living. His wife Ary is dead and Edd lives in Calhoun City with his children. He is nearing his eighty-ninth birthday. Edd's children are: Carrie, Clara, Maybelle, Ira (Son), Frank, Willaim (Pete), Vernon, (V. J.), U. L., Melvin, Louise, Yvonne.

Carrie married Attie Bounds. He is dead. Carrie lives in Calhoun City. They have three children. Kathleen, James Edward and Morris Elmo. Kathleen, married Evans Lovelace and they have two sons, Jerry and David. They live in Richmond, California. James Edward married Lucille Stafford. They have three sons: Charles, Phil and Tommy. They live in Winona, Miss. Morris Elmo married Anetta Shephard. They have three children and live in Tupelo, Miss. Their children are: Mike, Mickey and Susanne. Clara married Tim Bounds. Tim is deceased. Clara lives in Calhoun City. They have four children: Myrle T., Earl C., Armarie, and Charles Finley. Myrle T. married John Owens. They have one son Danny and live in Calhoun City. Earl C. married Doyle Hensley. They have two children, Myra Jan and Kenny. Their home is in Houston, Miss. Armarie married Ray Williams from Ohio, and they have four girls: Rose Marie, Gloria, Angie and Marjorie. They live in Calhoun City. Charles Finley married Mary Springer, they have one little girl, Lena, and live in Houston, Miss.

Maybell, the third daughter of Edd and Ary Boland, married Charlie Whitworth. They are both deceased. They had one daughter, Eva Nell who married Durell Luncford. Eva Nell and Durell have two children, Kathy and Terry who live in Calhoun City. Ira lives in Calhoun City and is married to Ida Bell Hubbard of Big Creek, Miss. They have six children: Etoyle, Elaine, Ira Jr., Rex, Boyd and Gwen. Etoyle married Dock Bryant of Bruce, Miss. They have three children: Linda, Vickie and Tony. Linda is married to Jerry Inman and they live in Memphis, Tennessee. They have a baby daughter, Pamela, which makes the fifth generation living in Edd Boland's family. Elaine married Wylie Frank Patterson. They live in Calhoun City and have four children: Gayle, Babette, Danny and Ronny. Ira Jr. is in school at Mississippi Delta Jr. College, Moorhead, Mississippi. He is not married. Boyd Ray married Glenn Davis, they have one child, Boyd Jr. and live in West Point, Miss. Rex married Margaret Laney and they live in Kentucky. They have two children: Johnny and Steve. Gwen married Mike Keenam and they live in Memphis, Tenn.

Frank, the second son of Edd Boland is married to Eula Lucas, they live in Jackson, Miss. They have three children: Earl Ray who is married to Billie Sue Burt. They have one child, Dorris Ann who lives at Bruce, Miss. James Robert lives in Jackson and is not married. Jack is married and has two children, and lives in New Albany, Miss.

William (Pete) lives in Calhoun City, and is married to Leila Hubbard. They have

one son Billy Wayne. He is married to Joy Inman, and they have one girl, Karen. Their home is in Huntsville, Alabama.

V. J. (Jenks) is married to Margaret Terry of Big Creek, Miss., and they have one son Robert Edd, who is married to Jackie Eakin. They have one child Robbie, and live in Winona, Miss. V. J. and his wife live in Calhoun City. V. L. (Coot) married Mattie Sparkman, of Alva, Miss. They have three girls: Nancy Kay, Jean and Dottie. Their home is in Calhoun City.

Melvin, the youngest son, married Madolyn McQuary of Derma, Miss., and they have two children. Marilyn Joy and Melvin Lynn. Joy is a student at Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss. Lynn is still in high school and is a star player on the football team of Shaw High School. Melvin operates a large grocery store in Shaw, Miss. Louise, the fourth daughter of Edd Boland married Carl Wayne Easley of Pittsboro, Miss., and they have two girls: Peggy and Patsy. They reside in Calhoun City, Miss. Yovvne, the youngest daughter, is married to Prentice Brown. Their three children are: Jimmy, Jancie and Don. They live in Calhoun City.

George, the fifth son of Uncle Fred and Aunt Dollie, married Isabell Hill. They were the parents of eight children: Millie, Jim, Martha Jane, Jake, John, Ida, Susanna, and Freddy, but I know nothing about these children.

Three of Uncle Fred's children, Jim, Catherine, and Henrietta never married.

I am very sorry, but I just do not have the information about Uncle Fred I would like to have. As you perhaps noticed, I did not give the date of his birth nor of his death. I just did not have these dates. I know he, like Uncle William and Uncle Walter migrated some time after his marriage to Mississippi, where he spent the remainder of his life. Some of his children, perhaps all of them, were born in South Carolina. Information has come to me that Uncle Fred was killed by a falling tree limb.

Before I began writing this history I did not even know whom Uncle Fred married, nor the number of his children. However, I am glad I was able to get the information. I received it and other valuable information about the Bolands in Mississippi from a highly esteemed cousin who lives in Calhoun City, Mississippi. She is Mrs. R. E. Bounds, who before marriage was Blandina Boland, a daughter of my first cousin, William Boland, son of Uncle Walter. However, the information on the families of Ada and Edd Boland was given by my cousin Walter Smith Boland a grandson of Uncle Walter.

Though I do not know so much personally about Uncle Fred, it is easy to surmise. I do know he and Aunt Dollie were both born and reared within a few miles of "The Old Piney Woods Church", and that they had their children baptized in infancy, catechised, and confirmed, and that they were diligent to teach them, both by example and precept.

JOHN ADAM BOLAND

John Adam was the third son of Abraham and Eve Christiana Boland. Like all of his brothers and one sister, he was born near Little Mountain, S. C. on the old Boland homestead March 26, 1813, and departed this life in his home a few miles from the place of his birth May 24, 1884. Age 71 years, 1 month and 28 days. He was also a farmer. In fact, farming was about all people could do in those days, with the very limited educational facilities they had. He was also a blacksmith, to some degree. His farm was located about two miles west of Little Mountain on what is at present U. S. Highway number 76. It is here at his home he and other members of his family are buried.

He was united in marriage to Ann Hipp. Of this union were born six children who grew to maturity, and I believe a child who died in infancy. The six children were Jonas, John Adam, Jr., Andrew Pickens, Elvira, Susanna, and Nora.

Jonas was called to service in the Confederacy early in life, and was killed on the battlefields of Virginia. His body was brought home by his father, and is buried in the family cemetery.

John Adam, Jr. was born in his father's home December 12, 1848. He died Dec. 16, 1941 at the age of 94 years and 4 days. In so far as I know, his life was the longest of any of the Bolands. He was baptized in infancy, catechised, and confirmed in "The Old Piney Woods Church", but later transferred his membership to Mt. Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church near Little Mountain, and it is at this church he is buried. His farm was located about midway between Little Mountain and Prosperity, S. C. He married Salley Singley, and to this union there were born seven sons and two daughters: Quincey, Farence, Elizabeth, Ida, Roland and Clifton (twins), Bernie Lee, Leslie, and Berlie. At this writing they are all living. The oldest is eighty years old, or older. I know and remember the older ones well. Farence graduated from Newberry College, and for a long time taught school.

Andrew Pickens never married. If I am not mistaken, he died and is buried in Pennsylvania. He was perhaps eighty years old or older at his death. He was an expert in two things. He was one of the best violinists I ever knew. He was also a great horse trainer. He loved horses, and could teach them about all horses could be taught.

Elvira married Jim Shealy. They were the parents of nine children: Bennet, Lula, Mary, Corrie, Thompson, Junnie, Daniel, Andrew, and Berlie. I know all of them well. We were school mates.

Susanna married Willie Summer. They were the parents of one daughter, Lula.

Nora married Wade Harmon. They were the parents of one daughter, Effie.

Uncle Adam was a fine character, greatly beloved and highly esteemed by all. He was a "matter of fact" man in appearance, and yet under that appearance lay a deep sense of humor. He was "Uncle Adam," not only to his real nieces and nephews, but to all others who knew him, especially young people. He was well known because of his long white — not gray but white — beard he wore. It was the longest beard I think I ever saw. It was like Aaron's beard that extended to the skirts of his garment. I wonder what many young people of this beardless age would think if they were to see a man with such a beard as Uncle Adam had! He too was baptized in infancy, then catechised and confirmed in "The Old Piney Woods Church", and remained a most consistant member until death. He loved to go to church, and could come as near giving all sermons verbatim as anyone I ever heard. He loved to visit, and often visited us, and was a welcomed visitor. He made us children, as well as the older folks, very happy by his visits.

LEVI BOLAND

Levi Boland was born at the old Boland home September 10, 1815, and departed this life near the place of his birth at the age of 50 years 9 months and 18 days. He was not only like all his brothers and sister, baptized, catechized, and confirmed in "The Old Piney Woods Church", but he also was one of the family who remained a constant and consecrated member until death, and is the only one of all the Bolands, in so far as I know, who, with his wife, is buried there. Like three of my other Uncles, he lived and died before I was born, and hence I know nothing personally about him. However,

I often heard my father and others speak of him in the highest terms and revere his sacred memory. He was the only one of my uncles my father named one of his children for.

Uncle Levi was married to Mary Wheeler, a woman of strong Christian character, and who was very attractive in ways. I knew her well, for she lived until April 18, 1888, nearly twenty-two years after Uncle Levi's death. We always called her "Aunt Mary Summer". We did this because, after Uncle Levi's death she married a Mr. Summer who also departed this life before I was born. After Mr. Summer's death she lived alone near "The Old Piney Woods Church." When asked if she were not afraid to live alone she replied, "No, every morning I rehearse and mediate on the ninety first Psalm, and commit myself into the care of God, and in doing so I have nothing to fear". She was especially noted for her nice housekeeping and the good things she had to eat. Well do I remember how my older sisters used to love to go and spend days at a time with Aunt Mary Summer.

Uncle Levi was a farmer, and yet like Uncle William, also taught school. I rather think he taught school more extensively than Uncle William; that he made it a specialty, and was considered one of the best of his day. Also, like Uncle William, he had no children. Aunt Mary bore no children of either husband. Uncle Levi, once more like Uncle William, was a pious and consecrated Christian, a man of influence, and in short, high above the average.

CATHERINE BOLAND SHEALY

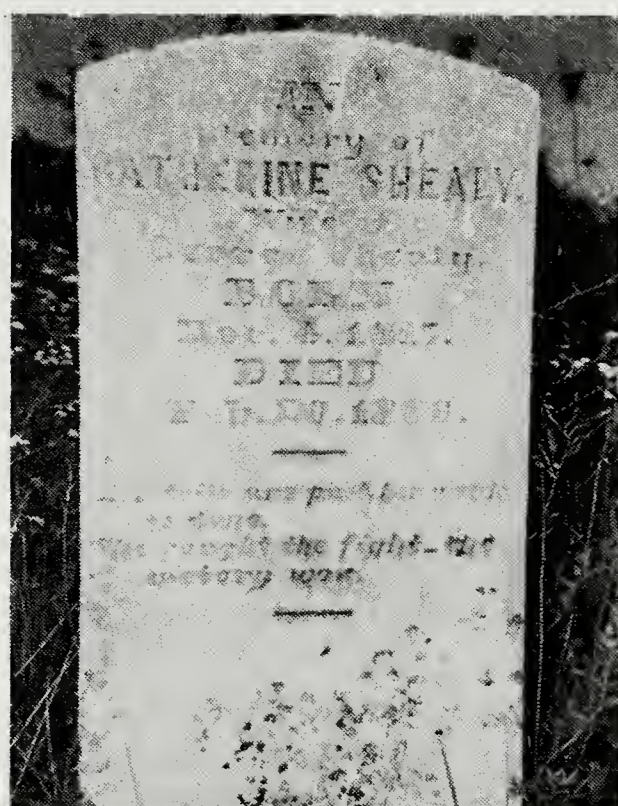
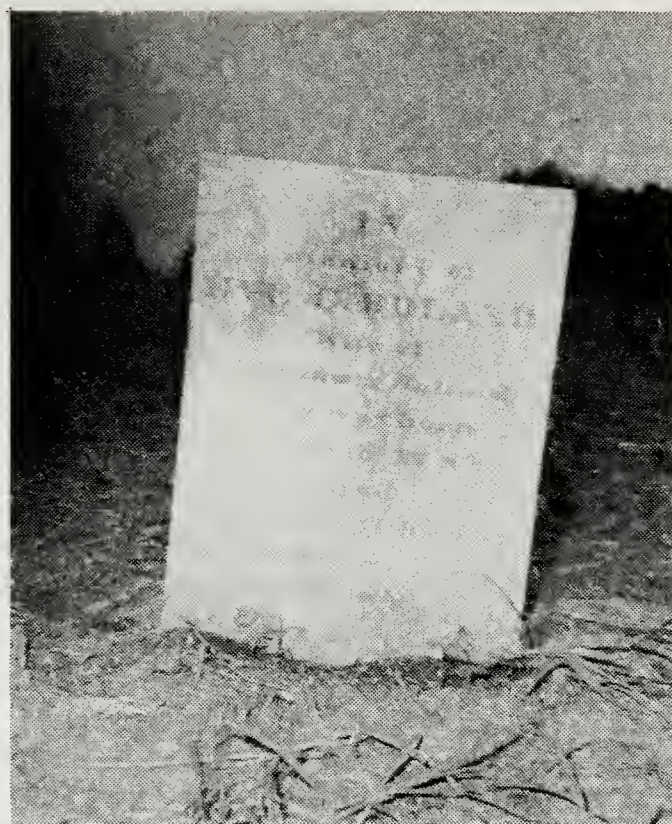
Catherine, or "Katie", the only daughter of Abraham and Eve Christiana, was born December 4, 1817 and departed this life February 20, 1889 at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 18 days. She lived and died near the place of her birth. She remained a most consistant member of "The Old Piney Wood Church" where she had been baptized, catechized, and confirmed. The home of her married life was located abut two miles west of Little Mountain, adjoining the home place of her brother Adam, near present U. S. Highway 78. She also lived within a mile of us, and only a short distant from Uncle Joe.

In early life she was given in marriage to George Shealy. Of this union there were born five sons and four daughters: Charley, Walter, Luther, Wesley, and Mike; daughters Betty, Mary Ann, Jane and Frances. Wesley died when about ten years old, and is buried in the home cemtery.

Charley, the oldest of the children, was a veteran of the Civil War, and was a good soldier. After the war he was married to Emma Monts, and settled near the home of his father-in-law Levi Monts, on the highway between Little Mountain and Pomaria. Of this union were born nine children: Sidney, Mary, Annah, Lola, and Cora (twins) Ernest, Roscoe, Elbert, and Virgil. At this writing only, Cora, Ernest, and Roscoe are living. Incidentally, the father was one of the best of men. "Uncle Charley", as he was familiarly known, was great as a neighbor and a great church member and Christian.

Walter, the second son, married Jane Ballentine. Of this union were born four children: Mamie, William Ballentine, Amanda, and Essie. I know William Ballentine (W. B.) well. He is about my age. Then too, we were students in Newberry College together, from which we were both graduated; I in 1897 and he in 1898. That was more than sixty years ago, but we formed a most intimate friendship then, which has lasted down through the years.

Luther, third son, married Martha Bowers. They have eleven children: Minnie and Maggie (twins), Latimer, Edna, Rufus, Henry, Katie, Ollie, Bernard, Elmer, and Ralph.



1—Abraham Boland

2—Eve C. Boland

3—Catherine Boland Shealy, the only daughter of Abraham and Eve.

One of the sons, I think Rufus, was a graduate of Newberry College. Minne Latimer, Katie, Ollie, Bernard, and Ralph are still living at this writing. I knew the older ones as class and school mates.

Mike, the youngest son, was married twice. His first marriage was to Carrie Bowers. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters: Killian, Eula, Agnes, and David. After the death of Carrier, Mike married Mary Mayer, and to them were born two daughters, Marie and Lucile. All six of Mike's children are living. Killian, the oldest, went to school to me.

Betty, the oldest daughter, also married a George Shealy. Her husband was a veteran of the Civil War, and was severely wounded in battle. Betty and George were the parents of five children: Jane, Alice, Cummings, Thomas, and Wesley. At this time they are all dead except Wesley. I knew them all well. They lived near us and we were school mates.

Mary Ann, the second daughter, married Frank Shealy, a first cousin to Betty's husband. He too, was a veteran of the Civil War. Mary Ann and Frank became the parents of seven children: Noah, Sallie, George, Idella, Belle, Lee and Lizzie. Incidentally, the Rev. J. LeGrand Mayer, an outstanding young Lutheran minister, is a grandson of Noah Shealy. I knew most of Mary Ann's children as school mates.

Jane, the third daughter, married Calvin Fulmer. They were the parents of one son and seven daughters: Jacob, Emily, Mamie, Lizzie, Alice, Ida, Elvie, and Mary.

Frances, the youngest daughter, married Hamp Stockman. They became the parents of two sons and four daughters: John, George, Eula, Katie, Leila, and Elvie. Leila and Elvie are the only ones living at this time.

I knew Aunt Katie and Uncle George well, and all their children except Wesley who died young and Jane who married and moved out of the community perhaps before I was born. Aunt Katie was my father's only sister. If at any time you would ask him how many there were in his family he would always say, "we were nine brothers, and every brother had a sister". Aunt Katie was a sister to each of the nine brothers, and what a worthy sister she was! They all loved her. I think she was easily the "pet" of the family. And as I knew her she was one of the most lovely characters I ever knew, and the same could be said of Uncle George, her husband. They were matched in character, loved, and most highly esteemed by all who knew them. And what a wonderful family they left as a heritage for posterity! Nine children and fifty-six grandchildren, and I know not how many other heirs. With few exceptions I knew personally all the children and grandchildren. And they have been of "the salt of the earth".

JOHN MARK BOLAND

John Mark, the fifth son of Abraham and Eve Christiana Boland was born at the old homestead January 26, 1820 and departed this life in Prosperity, S. C. June 30, 1896 at the age of 76 years, 5 months and 4 days. His burial is in the cemetery of St. Pauls Lutheran Church near Pomaria, S. C.

Uncle Mark was twice married. His first marriage was to a widow of some wealth who lived on what is now National Highway 76 between Little Mountain and Prosperity, S. C. Personally I never knew this wife, since she died before I was born, or soon afterward. Nor do I remember her surname, both maiden and as a widow. Her given name was Tilda.

From the year of their marriage until Aunt Tilda's death they lived on her farm. After Aunt Tilda's death Uncle Mark went to Columbia to make his home. While there he met and married another widow, Mrs. Fannie Meetze. After their marriage they continued to live in Columbia until Aunt Fannie's death, which I think was in 1892. I well rememeber the time they lived in Columbia. Father would sometimes go to Columbia and take some of us children with him. We would always spend at least one night and day with Uncle Mark and Aunt Fannie. Uncle Mark would take us to the State House, which at that time had no dome. He would show us the Governor's mansion, penitentiary, and other places of interest. Columbia at that time was much smaller than now. I doubt if its population was ten thousand people, but we thought it was a great place, and about the only place in the world.

After Aunt Fannie's death Uncle Mark went back to Prosperity to live with his children. He had two daughters, Rhoda and Eliza. Rhoda lived on the old farm between Little Mountain and Prosperity. She had married a Mr. Watts, and they were the parents of five sons; Willie, John, Randell, Ray and Pearl. I knew them all except Pearl. They were about my age. Possibly all of them are still living.

Eliza, the second daughter lived in Prosperity. Her husband was Ben Schumpert. The Schumperts had one daughter, Phebec, who married Claud Singley. Possibly Claud and wife are still living. It was at the Schumpert home that Uncle Mark died.

After his return to Prosperity Uncle Mark often spent weekends with us and attended services at Mt. Tabor. We were always glad for him to come. He loved to go to church. He and Rev. J. A. Sligh, D.D., pastor of Mt. Tabor were special friends.

JOE BOLAND

Joe Boland, sixth son of Abraham and Eve Christiana Boland, was born at the old homestead March 29, 1821, and departed this life October 27, 1897, at the age of 76 years, 6 months, and 25 days. He is buried in the family cemetery near his home.

Uncle Joe was twice married. His first marriage was to Magadalene Frick. After her death, he was married to Elizabeth Shealy. To these two marriages there were born seventeen children: four of the first and thriteen of the second. Those of the first were: Abraham, Reuben, Mary and Christiana. Those of the second were: Emma or Emmaline, Pamela, William A., Noah, Sam, James, Nance, Edith, Laura, Patrick, Jane, Idella, and Alice. Just how old the first four were when they died, or whether or not they were married and had children, we do not know. The same can be said of Pamela, William A., and Noah of his second marriage.

Emmaline was married to William Meetz, from whom four children were born: Jim, Alice, Paul, and Nora.

Sam was a well-know tanner by trade. He served as a veteran in the Civil War. His mariage was to Miss Stockman of near Prosperity, S. C. Of this marriage were born three children: Josephine, Columbus Bedelle, and Todd. The only one I have any information on is Columbus Bedelle's son, Joseph Sam, who has been a barber in Newberry, S. C. for 32 years. He is married to a Miss Franklin; they have one daughter named Mary Jo, who is married to Robert Lunsford, and their home is in Union, S. C.

James, or Jim, was a farmer, and lived near Little Mountain, S. C. He was married twice. His first marriage was to Laura Koon. There were eight children: Simpson, Joe, Jake, George, Bates, Willie, Corrie, and Anna. James' second marriage was to Lou Jane, whose surname I do not know. There were no children of this marriage.

Gordon, the son of George, is the only one of this family of which I have any information. He is married to Mary Elizabeth Bowers and they have four children: Mary Christine, who is married to Jerry Carl Frick and they are the parents of two children: Roland Charles and Jerry Carl, Jr.; James Gordon, George Braham, and Albert Carroll. Gordon is a farmer and lives near Little Mountain, S. C.

Nance married William (Bill) Frick. They had eight children: Sidney, Mary, Henry, Walter, Sam, Polly, Lula, and a little son, who died at the age of five. Bill was a farmer and lived a few miles south from Little Mountain.

Edith married George Meetz, a farmer near Prosperity. They had seven children: Corrie, Elvie, William, Ace, Dave, Katie, and Frank.

Laura married John Boland, a farmer and saw mill operator near Little Mountain. They had seven children: Edd, Florence, Brooks, Thompson, Frannie, Julian, and Hattie. John and Laura were first cousins.

Patrick was a farmer near Little Mountain. He was married three times. His first marriage was to Texanna Frick. To this marriage five children were born: Maggie, Jonas, Jesse, Cephas, and Joseph Francis. After the death of Texanna, he married Emma Meetz. There were no children of this marriage. After the death of Emma, he was married to Alice Bowers, and to this union there were born eight children: Ned, Bertha, Carrie, Bounce, Decia, Cleo, Lillie Mae, and Lera. The only one I have any information on is Ned and this was obtained in 1963.

Ned, a farmer, lives in his grandfather's home, "Grandpa Joe's", and he takes great pride in showing visitors the smokehouse with a wooden lock, the log milk cooler, a dug well, a dutch oven, the old log kitchen built about twenty yards from the house, a century-old corn crib with the original boards on it, and the family cemetery where gardenia bushes have bloomed for over a hundred years. Ned is married to Bessie Brickley and their children are: James Luther, Eva Mae, and Joe H. James Luther married Mary Bundrick and they have no children. Eva Mae married Ray Richardson and they have three children: Jo Anne, Betty, and James E. Joe H. married Ruby Kelly and their children are Wayne, Donald, and Keith.

Jane was married to Wesley Lindler, a farmer, who lived near Prosperity. They were the parents of eight children: Bessie, Carrie, Pearl, Colie, Clarence, Eeton, Carl and Josie.

Idella was married to Daniel Cannon, a farmer and carpenter near Prosperity. They were the parents of five children: Ernest, Dave, Mamie, Lola, and Ara. Ernest was graduated from Newberry College with honors.

Alice married Jake Enlow, a farmer near Prosperity. They had three children: Johnnie, Rosabelle and Maggie.

Uncle Joe was in many respects a remarkable man. His education was very poor, because of poor school facilities of his age. Then he told me himself that he just never could learn. Yet he was a man of wit and unusual common sense. He was a good conversationalist, interesting to all classes and all ages. In intellect his children were easily of the average, and some above average. Two of his grandsons graduated from Newberry College at the heads of their classes, and both took several medals. While popular with all ages, Uncle Joe especially loved young people and children, and they loved "Uncle Joe." Like almost all my uncles, he was known as "Ucle Joe" to all people. His hearing was as perfect as a child's until death. As I think of him, I do not recall that I ever saw him wear glasses. He worked hard physically on his farm, and retained to a remarkable degree his strength till death. As I knew him, he was never sick but a few times. Like all of his brothers and sisters, he was baptized, catechized,

and confirmed in "The Old Piney Woods Church" and remained a constant member of the same to the day of his death. He told me once, "so often I hear people say they have to work hard all week. Then when Sunday comes they are too tired to go to church. But I am not that way. I work hard on week days and get very tired too. But when Sunday comes I can go to church and rest while the preacher preaches and the people sing." How noble, if all people had the same attitude.

EPHRAIM WALTER BOLAND

Ephraim Walter, seventh son of Abraham and Eve Christiana Boland, was born on the old Boland homestead near Little Mountain, S. C., January 2, 1824, and departed this life at his home at Big Creek, Calhoun County, Mississippi, November 2, 1902, age 78 years and 10 months. He is buried, as is, also, his brother, William, in the old Chapel Hill Cemetery at Big Creek, Mississippi.

Uncle Walter was a leading farmer, ginner and miller. He was a mason, a member of Chapel Hill Lodge, No. 227, and he and Mrs. Boland were members of the Methodist Church, to which they contributed liberally. He served as a soldier in the Civil War first in the 29th Mississippi Regiment of Volunteer Infantry and after the surrender of Vicksburg, he joined the army at Mobile. He was in the artillery department and was at home on a furlough at the time of the surrender.

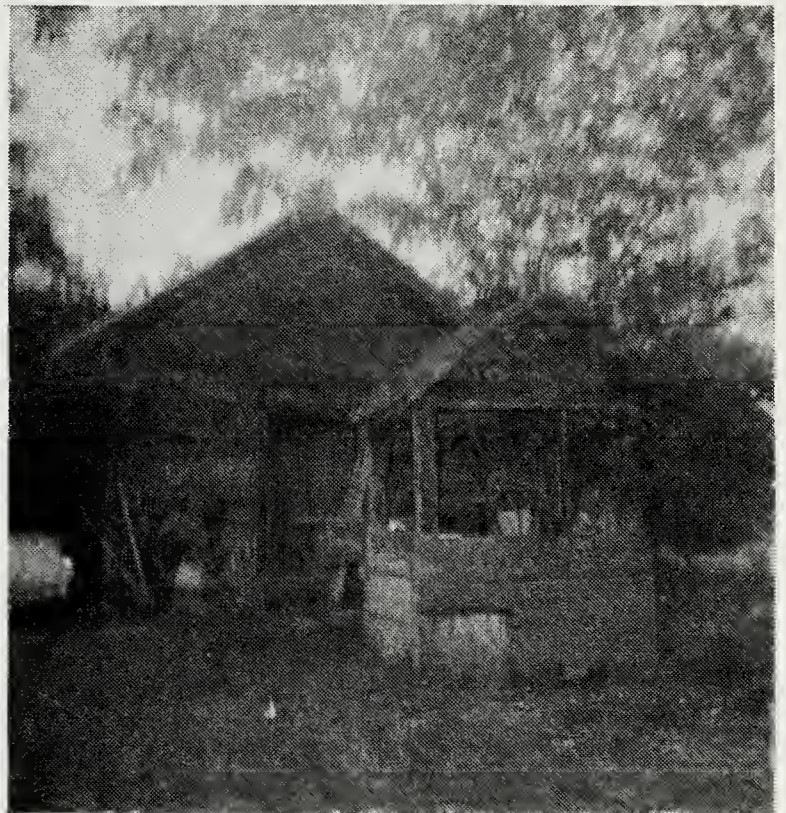
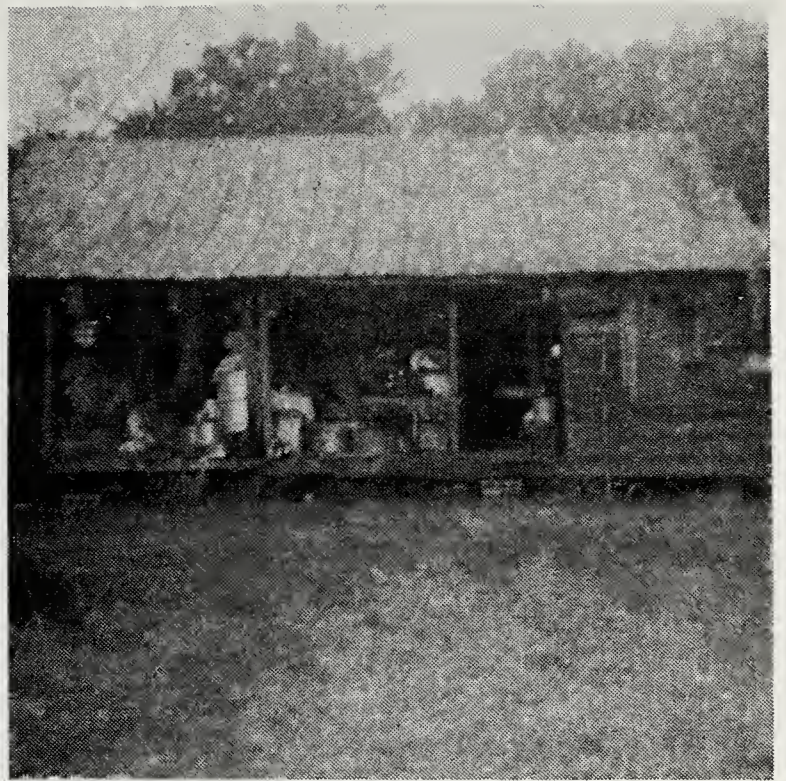
As a young man, he was united in marriage to Susan Bowers of near Little Mountain, S. C. Susan and Anna Catherine, Uncle Williams wife of first marriage, were half sisters. Uncle Walter and Aunt Susan became the parents of ten children: Marion, Anna Catherine, William, Jacob, Loran T., Walter Cromwell, Jefferson Davis, Amanda, and Cedelle Edward. Marion, Anna Catherine, William, Jacob, and Loran T. were born on the Boland homestead near Little Mountain, S. C.; Jeff, Amanda, and Cedelle were born at Big Creek, Miss. Loran T. died in S. C., October 13, 1853, age 1 year, 5 months, and is buried in the family cemetery there. Infant son born and died 1859. Walter Cromwell born Aug. 22, 1863, and died Aug. 20, 1868.

MARION M. BOLAND

Marion, the oldest son of Walter and Susan Bowers Boland, was a merchant and also served, as did his father, in the Civil War. He enlisted in the ninth Mississippi battalion of calvary, and afterwards was attached to the Twenty-eighth Mississippi regiment of calvary. He was in the battle of Fort Pillow with General Forrest and surrendered at Gainesville, Ala., on May 3, 1865. Marion was twice married: first to Amanda Denley and they were the parents of two children, Mannie and Emma; second to Alice Smith. Of his second marriage there were six children: Eugene, Carl, Emmerson, Marion Marie, Watler, and Clyde. Walter and Clyde died early in life.

Mannie, the only son of Marion and Amanda Denley Boland, married Clyde Bennett and they had four children: Pauline, Lula, Emerson, and Madge. Pauline married Spencer Aycock and they had four children: Rosa Clyde, born May 2, 1925; Raymond Spencer, born October 12, 1927; Donald Boland, born June 3, 1931 and Jamie Pauline born June 16, 1934. Rosa Clyde married Kenneth Witt and their two children are Steven and Michael; Raymond Spencer married Glyndell White and their two children are Debra and Ramona; Donald Boland is not married; Jamie Pauline married John W. Taylor this year, 1963. Pauline and Spencer live in Whitehaven, Tennessee. Lula, Mannie's second child, married Bill Lucy and they have no children. Emmerson died at 10 years of age. Madge died at age six months.

Emma, the only daughter of Marion and Amanda Denley Boland, married Robert Foster Provine, Sr., a prominent farmer of Calhoun County and the son of Captain Provine. The Provine family is well known throughout the South for its contributions



1—Original home of Joe Boland

2—The Log Kitchen

3—The Dutch Oven

4—Log Smokehouse, with a home made wooden lock, and the dug well.

Above pictures represents the average farm life
in the early 1800's

to education. Dr. J. W. Provine, a brother, served as president of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. for a long number of years. Emma and Robert Foster were the parents of seven children: Robbie, Ruth, Charles, Eugene A., Kathryn, Robert Foster, Jr., and Joseph A. Ruth and Kathryn have never married.

Robbie, the oldest daughter of Emma and Robert Foster Provine, married H. E. Murphree and there were no children born to this union.

Charles, the oldest son of Emma and Robert Foster Provine, married Loyce Caldwell, and they have two children: Jack Caldwell and Nancy. Jack Caldwell married Jane Chapius, and they have two children: Jack Caldwell, Jr. and Robert Craig. They live in Forrest City, Arkansas. Nancy married Dr. Kenneth Collins and they have three children: Charles Mitchell, Kenneth Provine, and Suzan. They live at Winona, Mississippi. Charles is the postmaster at Big Creek, Mississippi where he and his wife reside.

Dr. Eugene A., the second son, married Lucilla McDaniel, and they have one daughter, Priscilla. Eugene has a Ph.D. degree and lives in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Priscilla is married to Thomas Weems Trussell, and they have two children; Nola Lucille and Thomas, Jr. They live in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Robert Foster, Jr., the third son, married Madge Walker, and they have one daughter, Patricia.

Joseph A., the youngest son, married Maybelle Meador, and they have five children: Joe, Bob, Joan, Janet, and Nancy. They live in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Joseph A. works in the Chemistry Department of the Tinker Air Force Base.

Eugene, the first son of Marion and Alice Smith, followed the profession of his father in the mercantile business by owning and operating a store in Calhoun City, Mississippi. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Wilma Bean and they had no children. His second marriage was to Edith Burson. To this marriage were born three children; Bonnie Gene, Edwin Allen, and Robert. Eugene received his education in the local schools and a degree in business education from Bowling Green Business College, Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church and a very active Rotarian. Eugene is deceased, but his wife resides in the family home at Calhoun City, Mississippi.

Bonnie Gene, the only daughter of Eugene and Edith, received a B. A. degree and a diploma in piano from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, Class of 1948. Bonnie Gene is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is married to William Scott Fesmire. They are the parents of four children: Bonnie Lynne, Sarah Alice, William Scott, Jr., and Janet Marie. Mr. Fesmire is a high school band director.

Edwin, the oldest son of Eugene and Edith, is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, and served as a pilot in the U. S. Air Force in the Korean War. He is married to Virginia Ann Lusk and they have one child, Debra Ann. Edwin operates his father's store, Boland's Department Store, in Calhoun City, Mississippi. He is a Captain in the Air National Guard Reserve.

Robert, the youngest son of Eugene and Edith, like his brother, is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, and also served as a pilot in the U. S. Air Force in the Far East in 1957-58. He is married to the former Lounez West. He is a Captain in the Air Defense Command of the U. S. Air Force. He lives in Duluth, Minnesota, and has a baby son.

Carl Bertrand Boland, the second son of Marion and Alice Smith Boland was a

farmer and was married to May Provine, a sister to Robert Foster Provine, the husband of his half sister, Emma. They had one adopted child, Carl Bertrand, Jr., who married Billie Moore and they have one child, Carl Bertrand, III. Before his marriage, Carl, Sr. taught penmanship and typing and was noted for his excellent penmanship. Carl and May are both deceased.

Emmerson, the third son of Marion and Alice Smith Boland died at the age of seventeen.

Marion Marie, the only daughter of Marion by his second marriage, married Clarence Edmonson and they have no children. They live in Calhoun City, Mississippi.

Marion Marie is a talented musician.

ANNA CATHERINE BOLAND

Anna Catherine, oldest daughter of Walter and Susan Bowers Boland, married John Thomas Carter. They were the parents of two daughters; Leila Susan and Florence. Leila married Rufe Creekmore the first time, and her second marriage was to James L. Johnson, a lawyer of Pittsboro, Miss. To this second marriage was born three sons: Robert Harvey, James Holman, and Clarence Randolph.

Dr. Robert Harvey Johnson, oldest son of Lelia Susan Johnson was born at Pittsboro, Mississippi. He has been married twice, the first time to Marion Fines of Boston, Massachusetts. They had one child, a son Dr. Robert Harvey Johnson Jr. He is married but do not know to whom. After Marion's death Dr. Johnson Sr., married Helen Fines a sister of Marion's, his first wife, and they have two children: James Clarence and Gayle. Dr. Johnson Sr. is a health doctor and lives in Princess Anne, Maryland.

James Holman Johnson the second son married Bert Scrivener of Derma, Miss. He is deceased. They had one son, Charles Rodney Johnson, who is a Captain in the United States Army and lives at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is married to Carol Brown, and they have three children: Samuel Holman, Joseph, and Wendie.

The third son is Clarence Randolph Johnson and he was married to Jimmie Mae Bennett of Oldtown, Miss. He is deceased. To them was born one daughter, Bettie Sue. She is married to Howard Allen, and they live in Birmingham, Alabama. They have four children: James Melton, Linda Carolyn, Barbara Ann, and Stephen Howard.

Florence, the youngest daughter of Anna Catherine and John Thomas Carter, married Daniel Webster Aven, who was an employee of the railroad at Water Valley, Mississippi. They had eight children: Elmer C., Ethel, Alfred Clay, Forrest Wheeler, Leila, Emmett Omery, Ella Horten, and John Robert. Florence and her husband are dead.

Elmer C., son of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, married Clara Mae Moore and they have one son, Russell Edward, who married Del Barber and they have two children, Deborah Gaye and Anson Abbey.

Ethel, son of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, died in infancy.

Alfred Clay, son of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, married Lura Poteete and they have one son, Alton, thrice married: first to Charlotte Wright, one son, Wayne (do not know the names of second and third wives but had one daughter by second wife).

Forrest Wheeler, son of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, married Henry Mae Rochester. They have two sons, Forrest Hunter and Allen Webster and one adopted daughter, Minnie Claire. Forrest Hunter married Frances Philips and they have two sons, Gary and Anthony. Allen Webster married Christine Rhodes and they have three sons: twins, Ronald and Donald, and Micheal. Minnie Claire married Bobby Street and they have two children: David and Pamela.

Leila died at the age of nine.

Emmett Omery, son of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, was twice married: first to Fredia Shipman and second to Ann Carter. No Children.

Ella Horten, daughter of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, married Joe Edward Goodwin and their children are: Betty Jo, William Earl, Barbara Sue and Joe Edward. They live at Greenwood, Miss. Betty Jo married Dr. Harold B. Stern and they have two children: Suzanne Elaine and Jeffery Lynn. William Earl married Mary Edith Rainey and they have three children.: Deborah Lynn, Rebecca Ann, and Steven Micheal. Barbara Sue married James Kendrick Gammill, no children. Joe Edward is single. Mr. Goodwin is an employee of the Illinois Central Railroad.

John Robert, son of Florence and Daniel Webster Aven, married Ethel Smith, no children.

WILLIAM BOLAND

William, the second son of Walter Boland, lived on his farm near Slate Spring, Miss., where he was a farmer, ginner, and miller. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Martha Eliza Wells, and after her death, to Minnie Bell Hodges. Eight children were born of his first marriage: Walter Cromwell, Millie Jane, Ozro, James Madison, and Allie Vee. Three sons died when young. Of his second marriage, there were six children: Wiliam Tilden, Marion, Annie Belle, Emmett, Blandina and an infant son who died at birth.

Walter Cromwell, the oldest son of William, was a farmer, ginner, miller, and timberman. He was born September 24, 1872 and departed this life on April 5, 1932. He was united in marriage to Joan Davis on February 6, 1894 and to them were born five children: William C., born January 11, 1895; Clara, born November 27, 1896, died September 27, 1897; Ida, born October 6, 1898, died September 1, 1910; Jessie Davis, born January 28, 1909, and Gladys, born May 25, 1913.

William C. the oldest son of Walter Cromwell, was educated at Bell Buckle Academy, Bell Buckle, Tenn., and on December 27, 1916, was married to Matilda Elizabeth Murphree of Calhoun City, Miss. They are the parents of one son, William C. III, who married Marilyn Hamilton on June 2, 1945. To them were born two daughters: Marilyn Hamilton, born Sept. 2, 1948, died October 19, 1948, and Mari Marsha, born October 14, 1951. In early life William C. was in the timber business but later became interested in farming. Today, he has one of the most up-to-date farms and gins in the Mississippi Delta, farming 1800 acres. His son, who received his education at Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tennessee and Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss., is a partner in business with his father and lives at Estill on the plantation. William C. lives at Arcola, Miss., where he is active in the Methodist Church and civic organizations.

Jessie Davis, the third daughter of Walter Cromwell, married Orien Edward Phillips, June 10, 1934. To them were born twin boys: William Edward (Billy) and Robert Orien, (Bobby) born August 17, 1940. William Edward married Deanne Elaine Kurth on November 30, 1962 and lives in Memphis Tenn. A baby son has just been born to them. Jessie and her husband live in Calhoun City, Miss., where he operates a gin and delinting plant. Bobby is not married.

Gladys, the youngest daughter of Walter Cromwell, married Joseph Starr Howle June 1, 1942, and they are the parents of two sons: Joseph Starr, Jr., born January 16, 1943 and John Walter, born December 3, 1946. They live at Macon, Miss., where he is employed by the Soil Conservation Department of Noxubee County.

Millie Jane, the oldest daughter of William, married Leslie Burns. Five children

were born to this marriage: Marie, William, Ozro, Mary, and Spencer Lee died when young. Mr. Burns was a farmer and rural mail carrier until retirement. He is deceased.

Marie, the oldest daughter of Millie Jane, married Hammond Denton. They are the parents of three children: Ellis, Jesse Leslie, and Mary Jane. Ellis married Rachel Hardin and their three children are Janie Marie, Edna Lois, and Genevieve. Jesse Leslie married Virginia Phillips and their three children are Jesse Leslie, Jr., Joyce Ann, and Thomas Hammond. Mary Jane married Jimmy Labonne and they have one child, Mary Lewis.

William, the second daughter of Millie Jane, has never married.

Ozro, the only son of Millie Jane, married Myrtle Macon. They are the parents of two children: Annie Jane and Mary Ethel. Annie Jane married Murry Dowdle and are the parents of five children: Alice, Sammy, Hazel, Frances, and Frank. Mary Ethel married Harley Boyd and are the parents of one boy, Walter. Ozro is a farmer. All three children live near Slate Springs, Miss.

Ozro, the second son of William, died at age 16.

James Madison, the third son of William, better known as Jim, has been a merchant for over 50 years in Calhoun City, Miss. He is married to Ruby Mallory of Slate Spring, Miss., and they have five children: Mildred, Howard, Helen, William Harold, and Ross Mallory, who died as an infant. Mildred married Ted Magers and they are the parents of one daughter, Rebecca. Howard died at the age of 13 years. Helen married Herman Farned and they have two children, James Sidney and William Mallory. William Harold married Mary Jessie Wigley and they have one adopted child, Shirley. Jim attended business school in Atlanta, Ga.

Allie Vee, the second daughter of William, married Henry Frank Denton of Slate Spring, Miss., and they were the parents of seven children: Delma, born 1913; Janey Elizabeth, born 1914; William Jessie, born 1918; Allie Vee, born, 1926; Joe Boland, born 1928 and two who died at birth, Samuel Frank and Dora Jean.

Delma, the oldest daughter of Allie Vee, married Joe Frank Meurrier of Batesville, Miss. in 1937 and to this union there were born two children: Joe Kuhron and Fairy Ann. After the death of her first husband in 1940, Delma married Hugh Tracy Dillahunt of Osceola, Arkansas in 1942, and they are the parents of two children: Sam Tracy and Delma Vee. Joe Kuhron married Helen Elizabeth Adams, and they are the parents of one son, Joe Kuhron, Jr. Mr. Dillahunt has extensive farming and ginning operations at Hughes, Arkansas, where they now reside on their plantation, Bright Future.

Janey, the second daughter of Allie Vee, married James C. Bowles of Keiser, Ark. and they are the parents of one son, Jimmy Denton, who is married to Anita Elkins of Wilson, Arkansas. Jimmy Denton is a graduate of Arkansas State College, Jonesboro. This entire family lives at Keiser.

William Jessie, oldest son of Allie Vee, married Marcella Gaggis of Keiser, Ark. and to this union were born three boys: William Jessie, Jr., Bobby Jo, and Jerry. They live at Dyess, Ark., however, Marcella is deceased.

Allie Vee, the third daughter of Allie Vee, married Harry Pullan Dunnivant of Keiser, Ark., and they are the parents of four children: Cathy Jane, Joe Lynn, Harry Pullan Dunnivant, III, and Henry Denton Dunnivant. Mr. Dunnivant is a cotton farmer at Carraway, Arkansas.

Joe Boland, the youngest son of Allie Vee, married Ania Juan McArthur of

Lepanto, Arkansas, and they are the parents of four children: Joe Anna, Sam Boland, Jan Elizabeth, and Gregory Denton. The family lives at Imperial Beach, California.

Allie Vee and Henry Denton are deceased.

Dr. William Tilden, first son of William, by his second marriage, is an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist in Elmira, New York. He married Florence Hughes of Elmira, New York, who is deceased. They are the parents of two children: Betsy is a graduate of Vassar College and is a laboratory technician, and has never married. She lives with her father. Willim Tilden Jr. graduated from the University of Virginia in law and is now a lawyer in New York City. He is married to Elizabeth Hodge and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Hodge.

Dr. Boland attended high school at Slate Spring, Miss. and Bellbuckle, Tenn. He is a graduate of Mississippi Heights Acadamey of Blue Mountain, Miss. and of the University of Mississippi, at Oxford, Miss. and graduated from the University of Virginia in medicine. He interned in a government hospital in New York City. He then specialized in Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat at New York Infirmary. He now lives and practices in Elmira, N. Y. Dr. Boland and Betsy have just completed a world tour.

Marion, the second son of William and Minnie Belle, married Una V. Thompson. They were the parents of two children: Emerson and Thelma Ruth. Marion is deceased; but up until the time of his death, he was a successful farmer in Calhoun County, Miss. Emerson, who lives in Memphis, Tenn., is married to Margaret Stackhouse and they have two children, Barbara and Rebecca. Thelma Ruth resides with her mother in Memphis. Una V. and Thelma Ruth do secretarial work. Emerson is the Superintendent of the maintenance department of Ellis Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn.

Annie Belle, the oldest daughter of William and Minnie Belle, married Robert C. Page an employee of the Illinois Central Railroad but is now deceased. Annie Belle lives in Chicago, Illinois where she has resided for the past 32 years. They have two children, Minnie Belle and Robert Boland. Minnie Belle married Arthur Long and they have one son, Robert Glenn; Robert Boland married Jane Robinson and they have one son, Mark Charles.

Emmett Chandler the youngest son of William, married Mary Lester of Slate Spring, Miss. and resides in the old home where he was born 63 years ago, near Slate Spring, which was built by his father. They are the parents of seven children: Letha, Mary Frances, Emmett Marion, Robert, James Lester, Anna Catherine, and Susan. Robert was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 18 years.

Letha, the oldest daughter of Emmett, married John Wright and they had one son, Dan. Her second marriage was to Ross Doolittle, and they have two boys, David and Robert. They live at Parchman, Miss. where he is employed by the State of Miss.

Mary Frances, the second daughter of Emmett, married Binford Gregg, and they have one child, Brenda Eilleen. They live in Memphis, Tenn.

Emmett Marion, better known as "Son" and the oldest son of Emmett, married Carolyn Goodson, and they have three children: Lucia Carolyn, Charles Emmett, and Melissa Ann. Emmett Marion, is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss., finishing with high scholastic honors. The family lives at New Albany, Miss. He is an agricultural engineer and works for the United States Soil Conservation District comprised of eight counties.

James Lester, the third son of Emmett, married Irma Delle West and they have one son, Jimmy. They live at Slate Spring, Miss. on the old home place in a new home.

Anna Catherine married Douglas Love, a school teacher, and they are the parents of two children: Douglas, Jr. and Donna Ann. Anna Catherine does secretarial work in his school.

Susan Marie is married to Robert Earl Clanton. Sue was a beautician before her marriage. They have no children.

Blandina, the youngest child of William and Minnie Belle, married Ernest Bounds. They make their home on the old Boland property near her fathers home and are the parents of one daughter, Ernestine, who married Ronald D. Miller. She attended Delta State College and is presently in the Civil Service Department in Washington D. C. and is a secretary for the U. S. Air Force. Ernestine and Ronald make their home in Washington, D. C. and are the parents of one daughter, Anna Liza. Ronald is a pilot in the Air Force and at present is stationed in Pakistan for the next fifteen months. Blandina was named for the first daughter of the Reverend Pettus Boland, the author of this book. When the Reverend Pettus Boland and his daughter were visiting in Minnie Belle's home, she was impressed with the beauty of the first Blandina and decided that she would name her daughter for her. Ernest before retirement was a farmer and cattle dealer. He is a veteran of World War I. He was shot in the left knee and was held a prisoner of the Germans for four years.

JACOB BOWERS BOLAND

Jacob Bowers, the third son of Walter and Susan Bowers Boland, was a farmer and had a large farm near Big Creek. Jakie, the youngest daughter, still occupies her father's old home. Jacob married Katie Bennett of Slate Springs, Miss., and they were the parents of six daughters: Winnie, Grace, Marie, and Jakie. Winnie died at the age of three years. Two other daughters died in infancy.

Grace married Walter Parker of Big Creek, a rural mail carrier, and they were the parents of four children: Emma Kathleen, James Forrest, Walter James Jr., and Gwendolyn. Walter and Grace are deceased.

Emma Kathleen married Ed Sullivan and they have one boy, Parker O'Keefe. Mr. Sullivan is in the Extension Service and they live in Winona, Mississippi. Parker is married to Joyce Helms. He is an industrial enginner at Warner-Robbins Air Force Base, Macon, Georgia. James Forrest, the first son, is married to Inez Campbell of Big Creek, Mississippi. He is a mail carrier like his father. They live in Big Creek and have five cheldren: Mary Nezalee, who married Phonzie Brown, Forrest Jr., Judith Ann, Connie, and Ronald. Walter James Jr., the second son, married Dorothy Cooner of Calhoun City, and lives in Big Creek, Mississippi. They have four children: Gwendolyn, Lynn, Deborah, and Cathy.

Gwendolyn is married to Robert Bounds of Big Creek, Mississippi. They have two children: Robert and Grace. They live in West Point, Mississippi.

Marie, the second living daughter of Jacob Bowers Boland, was twice married, first to Shannon Terry of Big Creek. To this marriage was born two children: Jessie Kate and Jake Boland. Jessie Kate married John Caperton and they have four children: Donald, Grace, Dianne, and one deceased. Donald, the oldest son, married Julia Shannon McMillan from New Albany. They have one girl, Julia Kate. Grace married James Sowell and they have two children: Terry Louise and Leigh. Dianne married Terrel Barefoote and they have two children: Bebe Carol and Scotty Lane. Jake Boland, Marie's son, married Louise Neuland and they have one son, Richard. They live in Orlando, Florida. After Shannon's death, Marie married Floyd Bridwell and they live in Detroit, Michigan. They have no children.

Jakie, the youngest daughter, was married to L. C. Thompson, now deceased. They have five children: Ava June, Dannie Ree, Carolyn, Geraldine, and L. C., Jr. Ava June is married to James Franklin Poe. They live in Memphis, Tennessee, and

have two children: Ava Dianne and Sandra June. Dannie Ree is married to Earl Robert Poe, a cousin to Franklin Poe. They have one child, Deanna, and live at Philadelphia, Mississippi. Carolyn married William Emerson Tedder, Jr. of Vardman, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, and will enter the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, this fall. They have one little girl, Shelia Carol. Geraldine married Harold F. Dorroh of Slate Springs, Mississippi, and they have three children: Deborah, Lanelle, and Melissa who died as an infant. L. C., Jr., the only son of Jakie, is married to Wynell Garrett and lives at Booneville, Mississippi. They have one son, Keith Garrett.

JEFFERSON DAVIS BOLAND

Jefferson Davis, the fourth son of Walter and Susan Bowers, was a farmer. When his father, Ephraim Walter, became ill with an asthmatic condition and could no longer attend to his business interests, Jeff moved into his father's home to care for him and to carry on his father's business. He inherited his father's home and land. Jeff was twice married, first to Fannie Brooks of Big Creek, Miss., and second to Elizabeth Carter. Of the first marriage, there were born three daughters: Eunice, Myrtle, and Susan. He has an adopted son, Jesse Walton, whose whereabouts is unknown.

Eunice married Wilburn Bailey of Big Creek, Miss. who was a farmer. Wilburn and Eunice had no children.

Myrtle married W. S. (Buck) Wright of Big Creek, Miss. He was also a farmer, and to them was born one son, William, who only lived eight months. Myrtle burned to death as a result of her clothing catching on fire from an open fireplace.

Susan's first marriage was to Kelly Boland, a great grandson of Fred Boland. To them were born thirteen children: Frank, William Maxwell, Myrtice, Lorena, Mary Ellen, Murriel, Kelly Curtiss, Lura, Joseph, Glendora, Emory Ray, David Lee, and Walter Howell.

Frank is married to Lucille Bush and they live in Lepanto, Arkansas. Their children are Walter Ray and J. D. He is a farmer.

William Maxwell married Jessie Pyron and they live in Phoenix, Arizona. No information obtained about any children.

Myrtice is married to Leon Carter and they live in Lepanto, Arkansas. They have four children: Elmo, Carolyn, Jan, and Jimmy.

Lorena is married to Henry Eugene McCaslin who is President and Cashier of the bank at Beulah, Mississippi. He is a farmer and has an insurance agency. They live in Rosedale, Mississippi and have three children: Virginia Hall, Lorena Ann, and Henry Eugene. Virginia Hall is married to Henry Clay Stubbs, and they live in Isola, Mississippi, where he operates a drug store. Lorena Ann will graduate from the University of Mississippi at Oxford in the spring of 1964. Henry Eugene also attends the University of Mississippi where he is a sophomore.

Mary Ellen is married to Scott Bounds and they live in Portland, Maine. They have four children: I. E., Dilly Sue, Roy, and Billy.

Murriel married Eugene Hutchinson, and they have one son, Kelly Eugene. She is deceased.

Kelly Curtiss is married to Arzella Fain and they live in Memphis, Tennessee. They are the parents of four children: Eugene, Anne Ruth, Betty Katherine, and John.

Lura married Howard Tindle and they had no children. Lura is deceased.

Joseph married Dena Heffmaster and they live in St. Louis, Missouri. Names of the children are unknown.

Glendora is married to Ernest Hamilton and they live at Byhalia, Mississippi. Names of the children are unknown.

Emory Ray is married to Georgia Toshley and they live in St. Louis, Missouri. They have two children: Sue and Pat.

David Lee died at an early age

Walter Howell is married and lives in Rockland, Maine. He has four children: Sabra, Walter, Susan, and Craig.

Susan, the daughter of Jefferson Davis and Fannie Brooks, was married the second time to Will Walton of Big Creek, Mississippi. There were no children of this marriage.

All three daughters of Jefferson Davis Boland and their husbands are deceased, except Will Walton, who is now ninety-three years old and lives in Missouri.

Of Jeff's second marriage to Elizabeth Carter there were no children. This year, 1963, Elizabeth is living at Pittsboro, Mississippi, and will be eighty-nine years old in November.

AMANDA BOLAND

Amanda, the third daughter of Walter and Susan Bowers Boland, was twice married. Her first marriage was to John Shipp, and after his death to William England, both of Big Creek, Miss. Of the first marriage, there were five children: Harper, Blanche, Maude, Hattie, and Johnnie. The children of her second marriage were: Lilla, Bertha, Esther Beatrice, Edmund, and Clifton. Harper, Blanche and Hattie never married. Blanche, Maude, Hattie, and Esther Beatrice are deceased. Esther Beatrice died at the age of seventeen.

Maude married Jack Ross and they had one son, Quitman, who was born January 16, 1906, and has been a prominent lawyer in Laurel, Miss., for 33 years, having been admitted to the Bar in 1929. In September, 1942, he went on active duty with the Army of the United States and was released from such duty in December, 1945. In 1952, at Biloxi, he was elected President of the Mississippi State Bar and served for one year. In 1956, in Los Angeles, he was elected President of the National Association of Claimants' Counsel, a bar association consisting of lawyers throughout the United States who specialize in personal injury litigation. Previously, he had been chosen Fellow, Internations Academy of Trial Lawyers.

On December 11, 1956, in St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York, he was married to Alva Sherrer, the only child of James Alexander and Katherine Sherrer of that city. St. Paul' Chapel is now the oldest public building in the city. Alva is of German descent. They have no children.

Quitman received his degree from the University of Georgia.

Johnnie married Leonard Harrison, a prominent farmer of Clarksdale, Miss., and they had no children. Johnnie lives at Eupora, Miss. Mr. Harrison is deceased.

Lilla never married and in her early life was a very talented artist.

Bertha married Bruna Beard and they have two daughters: Willie LaDonyce and Ava Doris. Bertha and her husband live at Leakesville, Miss., where he was a county official for a number of years before his retirement. Bertha taught school before her marriage. Their oldest daughter, Don, married William Burwell Hankins, and Air Force pilot, and their four children are: Donna Diane, William Burwell, Jr., Richard Beard, and Jan Kathyleen. "Don" is a graduate of Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, Miss. Ava Doris married Maurice W. Breland, Jr. and they are the parents of twins: Stephany Estelle and Stephen Adriane.

Edmund married Mae Gullede and they live at Eupora, Miss. Before his retirement he was employed by the State Highway Dept., and the City of Eupora. They are the parents of four children: William Allen, James Roberts, Arthur Howard, and Mae Evelyn. William Allen is not married. James Roberts married June Miller and they have two children: Carol and Jimmy. Arthur Howard married Opal Williams and they have one son, Arthur Howard, Jr. Mae Evelyn, only daughter of Edmund, married Crawford Ray and they have three children: Kay, Jimmy, and Leanna.

Clifton, the youngest child of Amanda and Will England, married Bertie May Fondren and they live at Big Creek, where he has lived his entire life. He is retired but still owns a farm near Big Creek. They are the parents of five children: Clifton W. Jr., Juanita, Virginia, Wanda, and Morris.

Clifton W., the oldest son of Clifton, lives at Valdosta, Georgia and is married to Eloise Wooten. They are the parents of two girls: Belinda and Marty.

Juanita, the oldest daughter of Clifton, married Bob Church and they have an adopted son, Rob. They live at Tupelo, Miss., where he is head of the Church Insurance Company.

Virginia Faye, the second daughter of Clifton, married Alfred Honeycutt and they have two children: Terry and Amanda. They live in Calhoun City, Miss.

Wanda, the third daughter of Clifton, married Ray Poole and they have two children: Ray, Jr. and Pattie Ann. Mr. Poole is a coach at the University of Mississippi Oxford.

Morris, the youngest son of Clifton, married Dolores Simmons and they have two children: Marsha and Raenell. They live at Sabougla, Miss. Morris is a farmer.

CEDELLE EDWARD BOLAND

Cedelle Edward, the youngest son of Walter and Susan Bowers Boland, was twice married. First to Lucy Pearl Brock and to this union were born two children: Ivan Brock and Walter Smith. His second marriage was to Jessie Martin, and to them were born three sons: An infant, who died at birth, Herbert Edward, and Cecil Martin. Ivan Brock married Lois Skelton, Walter Smith married Jessie Pearl Tindle, Herbert Edward married Marjorie Milling, and Cecil Martin married Ann Caruthers.

The following information is a more detail account of Cedelle Boland and family as given by his second son, Walter Smith Boland, in 1963.

Cedelle Edward was born in the Ephraim Walter Boland home at Big Creek, Mississippi, on March 18, 1867 and died July 16, 1936 at the age of 69 years. He was buried in the old Chapel Hill Cemetery at Big Creek, where his mother, father and other kinsmen are buried. Cedelle received his education in the local schools and a degree in Business Administration from Bowling Green Business College, Bowling Green, Kentucky. He went into the mercantile business 10 miles from his birthplace at

Benela, Miss.; at that time, the largest town in Calhoun County, but, today, it is extinct. On March 25, 1891, he married Lucy Pearl Brock, the daughter of Vollentine and Mary Melissa Smith Brock, a prominent family in Big Creek and transferred his business to Big Creek to become a leading merchant and farmer of that town. Here his first two sons were born: Ivan Brock on January 12, 1892 and Walter Smith on November 10, 1895. Lucy Pearl, a graduate of Grenada College, Grenada, Mississippi, became keenly aware of the need for adequate school facilities for Big Creek, and she was instrumental in raising the funds of a new school building.

In 1902, Cedelle had a public auction of his home, household goods, store, and farm and moved to Hereford, Texas, for Lucy Pearl's health, who had asthma. From there, he moved to Del Rio, Texas; but since his wife's health did not improve, he returned to his native state to re-enter the mercantile business at Slate Spring, Mississippi, where he purchased a store and home. It was here that Lucy Pearl died February 13, 1907, and she is buried at the old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

After the death of his first wife, he was united in marriage to Jessie Martin, the daughter of Felix Martin, pioneer settlers of the adjoining county of Grenada. Business was thriving, so he purchased a larger store, a two story home, and farm. In this home, three sons were born: An infant son, who died at birth, February 28, 1910; Herbert Edward, born September 23, 1911, and Cecil Martin, June 22, 1914.

Missing the companionship of his oldest sons, who were living in the Mississippi Delta, he sold his holding and joined his son Walter, to engage in the mercantile business and farming at Ruleville and Arcola, Mississippi. In order to lead a less active life, he retired to a new-built home on his oldest son's plantation near Clarksdale and managed the plantation store until his death.

Cedelle was a Mason, and a devout member of the Methodist Church, where he served as a Steward for many years. His oldest granddaughter, Sarah Pearl, relates that while on a visit to his home near Clarksdale, Miss., she was greatly impressed by her grandfather's devotional life. Each morning at 10 o'clock, he closed his store and went home to sit by an open living room window to read the Bible and pray. She says this example has been an inspiration to her to try to perpetuate the rich Christian heritage, which permeates the entire history of the Boland family.

Jessie Martin, the wife of his second marriage, lives near her two sons at Greenwood, Mississippi and was 88 years old March 5, 1963.

Ivan Brock, older son of Cedelle and Lucy Pearl Boland, was born January 12, 1892, at Big Creek, Mississippi. After completing his high school education at Slate Springs, Miss., Ivan, like his father, earned his degree in Business Administration from Bowling Green Business College, Bowling Green, Kentucky. After a year's employment as bookkeeper for the J. D. Smith Plantation at Hillhouse, Miss., near Clarksdale, he returned to Slate Springs to manage his father's store in order that his father could be free to operate his farm. On May 23, 1914, he was united in marriage to Lois Skelton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Skelton, a prosperous farmer of the Slate Springs community. Lois, a school teacher, received her education at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, Delta State College, Cleveland Mississippi, and the University of Alabama. She was born October 15, 1893 at Slate Springs, Miss.

After giving his father, Cedelle a years rest from inside duties of a store, Ivan and Lois made their home on a new farm, purchased by his father; however, Ivan, longing to farm in the rich Delta lands, became the bookkeeper for the Will Counts Plantation at Clarksdale. In a few years, he purchased a plantation in Quitman County, 9 miles east of Clarksdale. Until 15 years ago, he operated this plantation in connection with a gin, sawmill, and store. In 1948, because of ill health, he rented his land and



Top—Home of William Boland, the first Boland to come to Mississippi.

Bottom — Ephraim Walter Boland's home, the second Boland to come to Mississippi.

Note — Unable to get a picture of Fred Boland's home, the other brother who came to Mississippi.



moved to Clarksdale; but he became dissatisfied with city life, so he moved to a small farm, south of Senatobia, Miss. In 1962, in order to be nearer his plantation, he again purchased a home in Clarksdale and a country home on Moon Lake. Since fishing is his hobby, he divides his time between the city and country.

Ivan, the only one of the four boys to enter politics, was elected to the County Board of Supervisors in Quitman County for three consecutive terms. He and Lois are faithful members of the Methodist Church and he has served as Steward for a number of years. When the Baptists of his community needed land for a new church building, he generously gave them the land.

Ivan and Lois have no children of their own, but they adopted two: A son, Edward, who died in 1936 at the age of 15 years. A daughter, Judith Dianne, was born February 3, 1942. After finishing high school in Senatobia, she completed two years of study at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, and at the present time, 1963, she is a junior at the University of Mississippi, Oxford. Judy, as she is affectionately called, is a talented musician, playing both the piano and the clarinet. On January 27, 1962, she was united in marriage at the First Methodist Church, Clarksdale, to William Earl Sowell, III, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Sowell, II, of Senatobia, Mississippi. Mr. Sowell received a B. A. degree in Business Administration from the University of Mississippi this year. He is presently employed by the Mississippi Employment Security Commission as Employment Interviewer.

Walter Smith, the younger son of Cedelle and Lucy Pearl Boland, was born November 10, 1895, at Big Creek, Mississippi, in the old William (Uncle Billy) Boland home, which is standing today. He attended school at Slate Spring, Mississippi, and graduated with honors from Mississippi Heights Academy, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in 1915. After graduation, he returned home to help his father with the farming operations for the remainder of that year. In January, 1916, he went into business for himself at Benela, Mississippi, where, by coincidence, his father, Cedelle, had started his career. For the next two years, Walter made his home with his maternal grandparents, Vollentine and Mary Melissa Smith Brock, farming part of their land, and, also, land he had rented from his Uncle Jim Smith, his grandmother's brother.

On December 24, 1917, he married Jessie Pearl Tindle, daughter of Thomas Marion and Sarah Gibson Eason Tindle, who were born near Slate Spring, Calhoun County, Mississippi, and had moved to Blue Mountain to educate their only child. Jessie Pearl received her degree with a major in Speech from Blue Mountain College, Class of 1917.

After their marriage, they lived in Slate Spring for one year, where Walter was a farmer and rural mail carrier. In January, 1919, he became a partner with his father in the mercantile business at Ruleville, Mississippi. Since farming was his favored occupation, he moved to Arcola, Mississippi, in January, 1920, to become one of the most progressive and successful farmers in Washington County. He and Jessie Pearl have lived in the Arcola community for forty-four years except for a short period of time after the 1927 flood when he was in the timber business in Aliceville, Alabama.

On February 18, 1930, Walter became a manager on Trail Lake Plantation near Arcola, which was owned by William Alexander Percy, the well-known poet and writer of Greenville, Mississippi. During this time he operated his own farming interests and at the end of twenty-four years, he resigned from Trail Lake to devote full time to his own 1700 acres of land. Walter and Jessie Pearl live in Arcola, Mississippi, and since he has sold part of his land, they spend their leisure time traveling. They are devout Christians and members of the Arcola Baptist Church, where Walter is chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is secretary of the Sunday School, an office he has held

for thirty years. Jessie Pearl, a gifted musician, is church organist. She was president of the Woman's Missionary Society for fifteen years. In addition to Walter's active participation in the church, he has found time to serve on the local school board and served as a trustee of Blue Mountain College for six years.

Walter and Jessie Pearl are the parents of four children: Sarah Pearl, a son, who died at birth. born February 18, 1924, Bettie Jane, and Mary Anne.

Sarah Pearl, the oldest daughter, was born June 25, 1919. She graduated with the highest honors from Arcola High School, Arcola, Mississippi and received a B. A. degree with a major in business from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, Class of 1940. She was voted most versatile student. After teaching school in Osceola, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to A. Leon Crittenden, III, August 20, 1942. Mr. Crittenden, a descendant of early settlers of Woodruff County, Arkansas, received his education at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He owns and operates a large plantation near Cotton Plant, Arkansas, where they reside with their two children: A. Leon Crittenden, IV, born November 28, 1944, and Sarah Lynne, born July 12, 1948. Leon, a 1963 graduate of Cotton Plant High School, and a four year Beta Club member, was president of the Student Body his junior year, and, upon graduation received the State Farmer Degree. Leon is a freshman Agricultural major at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Arkansas. Sarah Lynne is a sophomore at Cotton Plant High School, where she is secretary of the Student Council, a Beta Club member, and a cheerleader. Both children are active in the Baptist church where Sarah Pearl serves as organist, and Sunday School Teacher.

Bettie Jane, the second daughter, was born May 4, 1926. She graduated with highest honors from Arcola High School and received a B. A. degree and a diploma in piano from Blue Mountain College, Class of 1947. Bettie Jane is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She taught school at Sardis, Mississippi and the Memphis College of Music, Memphis, Tennessee, during which time she was a concert pianist with the Midsouth Concert Association. She studied piano at Aspen Institute of Music, Aspen, Colorado. On October 10, 1954 she married Dr. Thomas Benjamin Owen, II of Cleveland, Mississippi. Dr. Owen, a descendant of early settlers of Monroe County, Mississippi, attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., prior to World War II. After three years of Naval service, he received a B. A. degree and a Master of Science degree from the University of Mississippi, Oxford. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Memphis. They are the parents of two girls: Mary Tindle and Melissa. Mary Tindle was born October 8, 1955 and Melissa December 11, 1957. At this early age these two children show great musical talent. Bettie Jane and Dr. Owen reside in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he is Director of Research at the American Sterilizer Company.

Mary Anne, the youngest daughter, was born March 7, 1929. She, like her older sisters, graduated with highest honors from Arcola High School and received a B. A. degree with a double major in Bible and English from Blue Mountain College, Class of 1950. She had outstanding roles in the college operettas and served as president of the Music Club. After teaching school at Shaw, Mississippi and serving as music director of the Baptist Church, she was united in marriage to James Vance Bowman of Shaw, June 20, 1954. Mr. Bowman's maternal great grandparents migrated to this country from Berlin, Germany. He attended Mississippi State University and received a B. S. degree from Delta State College, Cleveland, Mississippi. He served four years in the U. S. Air Force with one year of overseas duty. At present he is assistant manager and entomologist for the Hollandale Seed and Delinting Company, Hollandale, Mississippi.

They live next door to Mary Anne's parents at Arcola, Mississippi. They have no children.

Sarah Pearl, Bettie Jane, and Mary Anne are talented musicians and are leaders in the social, civic, and religious life of their communities.

It might be interesting to know that all three daughters and their mother were president of the Modenian Society, an extra curricular organization, at Blue Mountain College.

Herbert Edward, the second son of Cedelle and Jessie Martin Boland, was born September 23, 1911, in the Cedelle Boland home at Slate Spring, Miss. He attended school in Arcola and later graduated from the Walnut High School, in Quitman County, Mississippi. During the summer months, he worked on the farm. He attended Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, but showing a marked aptitude in mechanics, he transferred to the Kansas City Mechanical School, Kansas City, Missouri to further his education in Mechanical Engineering.

On April 30, 1937, he married Majorie Milling, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Milling of Union, Mississippi. Majorie, a teacher in the Walnut School, received her education at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She was born January 5, 1913.

Herbert worked for the Case Tractor and Implement Company in Clarksdale. Later, he moved to Alligator, Mississippi, to operate a tractor shop on a plantation. For the past 12 years, he has made his home in Greenwood, Mississippi, as an employee of the International Harvester Company. Herbert is considered one of the best mechanics in the Mississippi Delta. Herbert and Marjorie have no children. They are active workers in the North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood, Mississippi, having served faithfully through the years as officers in the Sunday School and Missionary Society.

Cecil Martin, the youngest son of Cedelle and Jessie Martin, was born June 22, 1914 in the Cedelle Boland home at Slate Spring, Mississippi. He, also attended school in Arcola and later graduated from the Walnut High School and like his brother Herbert, worked on the farm in the summer months. In 1936, Cecil graduated from Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi with a B. S. degree in Agriculture. After graduation, he became a manager on the Oscar Bledsoe plantation at Shell Mound, Mississippi, near Greenwood. On December 21, 1939, he married Ann Caruthers, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Caruthers of Greenwood, Miss., whose family were pioneer settlers of Mississippi. Ann was born April 1, 1918.

Later, Cecil managed New Hope Plantation for several years in the same community where he first worked. At the present time, he is farming 600 acres for himself in this same locality. He is a successful farmer, using the most modern and up-to-date methods of mechanical farming.

Cecil and Ann have one daughter, Barbara Ann, born October 14, 1944. Barbara Ann, a studious member of the 1963 graduating class of Greenwood High School, is a freshman at Mississippi State University, the Alma Mater of her father. Cecil and his family are active members of the North Greenwood Baptist Church.

Uncle Walter was perhaps more closely associated with my father than any of his other brothers and sisters, unless it was Uncle Ozro. This is natural, because they were the youngest of the family.

I understand the year of Uncle Walter's migration to Mississippi was 1854. He

made this move in covered wagons. And what an experience that must have been! The trip was made over plains and mountains and through sparsely settled country, and likely through inclement weather. With it all, he had his wife and four small children to look after. It took six weeks to make the trip.

Uncle Walter never forgot South Carolina, and I know of at least three visits back that he made. Hence I was personally acquainted with him. Then too, I later lived in Mississippi and visited him on two occasions. In December of 1901 I was alone, and in July, 1902 I had my wife, Orra, and infant daughter, Blandina, with me. What pleasant visits those were! Uncle Walter, Aunt Susan, and all the children except Anna Catherine were living at the time. We also met some of Uncle Fred's descendants, and they all gave us a royal reception. Shortly after our visit, it was November 2, 1902, he migrated his last time; this time from earth to heaven to forever be with his Lord and his family. And long since all his children have gone there to be with him.

As of today, September, 1963, Uncle Ephraim Walter's and Aunt Susan's descendants number ten children, forty-eight grandchildren, one hundred and two great grandchildren, one hundred and fifty-one great great grandchildren, and forty-two great great great grandchildren! This makes a total of three hundred and fifty-three descendants. There are others, but their names are not available.

Uncle Walter's home is owned by Mrs. Marion Spears who was Alice Bounds. Marion's mother was Georgia Ann Boland, daughter of Wesley and granddaughter of Uncle Fred. Uncle Walter's home has never been owned by anyone not related to the Boland family.

Middleton Boland was the eighth son of Abraham and Eve Boland. Naturally, as a family record, he should have come now in this history, but for reasons which shall be explained, he is reserved for a later place in the history.

OZRO BOLAND

Ozro Boland, youngest son of Abraham and Eve Boland, and the last of their children, was born on the old homestead Nov. 27, 1828 and departed this life in the house of his birth Nov. 11, 1857 at the age of 28 years 11 months and 16 days. He is buried in the old family cemetery, almost a stone cast from the place of his birth.

Early in life he was united in marriage to Anna Levena Koon. Of this union were born two sons and one daughter: Daniel D., John, and Mary Christiana. The daughter was born in less than a month after her father's death, and lived only eleven years. Dan and John were not twins, but lived more like twins than any two brothers I ever knew. After their father's death they continued to live together in the house with their mother until only a few years before her death. This was long after they had both married and had reared most of their children. They farmed and did extensive saw milling together. It was by mutual consent, possibly because of the size of their families, that Dan moved into a house near by, but they still continued to do business together.

Dan married Carolina Meetze. They became the parents of ten children: Angie, Marion Quincy, Jacob Early, Mary Alma, Corrie Floyd, Essie Owens, Irvin B., Lola and Emma (twins), and Dewitt. Marion Quincy was a graduate of Newberry College and the Lutheran Seminary. He was ordained to the Ministry, and served a very few pastorates. Because of his unsuccessful work he retired from his calling long before his death. He was a natural machinist and planned to follow that work, but was diverted by the loss of an arm.

Dewitt the youngest son of Daniel Calhoun, is a farmer and lives in his father's old home built in 1885 on part of the land that belonged to Abraham Boland, his great grandfather. He married Eula Frick and their children are: Everett, Virgil, Rosalyn, Edith, Mary Ruth, and John. Everett married Ophelia Ford and they have one daughter, who is married to Kenneth Calloway. Virgil married Frances Graham and their children are Leon, Bonnie, Judith, and Charles David. Rosalyn married Joe Fulmer and their four children are Rosanne, Fredrick, Keith, and Cheryl. Rosanne is married to Robert Lester and they have one child, Robbie. Edith married Allen Bedenbaugh and their children are Marjorie, Marilyn, and Beverly. Marjorie is married to Donald Wicker. Mary Ruth married James Long and they have three children: Rosemary, Kenneth Donald, and Roger. Rosemary married Frank Slice, and they have one child, Tommy. John married Elizabeth Lindler and their children are Calhoun, Mary, and Joseph. All of Dewitt's children live within a few miles of the old home place, and all are active members of the Lutheran Church. Essie Owens, Dewitt's sister, lives in the home with him and has never married (Information on Dewitt and Essie given in 1963). There is no information on the other children of Dan and Carolina.

John married Laura Boland, his first cousin, who was a daughter of Uncle Joe. They had seven children: Edd, Florence, Brooks, Thompson, Frannie, Julian, and Hattie. As a family these children were well known for their brilliance and common sense. Edd graduated from Newberry College at the head of his class and took several medals. After his graduation he became a most popular school teacher, and thus made this his life's work. He and I were about the same age and spent many of our boyhood days together. He married a Miss Glover.

Uncle Ozro died long before I was born. Hence I never knew him personally. Like the brothers and sisters, he was baptized, catechized, and confirmed in "The Old Piney Woods Church". While I never knew Uncle Ozro, I did know his good wife. She died in 1891. Aunt Vernie, as we called her, was a woman of strong character and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. I think it was because of her character and influence that made John and Dan live like twins and caused them as partners to live together and work together so harmoniously.



The Heirs of Abraham Boland

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William, Frederick Joseph & J. Adam part ⁸⁵
\$270.754

Levi & Catharine share ^{10.00}
\$345.75

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at interest from 15th March 1838
subject to 2% per cent Commission

Cash Settlement of the Abraham Boland Estate.

CHAPTER III

MIDDLETON AND BARBARA BOLAND AND FAMILY

Middleton Boland was the eighth son of Abraham and Christiana Boland. Ordinarily, he should have been in chapter II of this history. However, as it was my intention from the first to give a special section in the history for Middleton and Barbara Boland and their family, and that is the reason he was not given in chapter II.

Middleton Boland, who was my father, was born, as his other brothers and sister, at the old Boland homestead, near Little Mountain, S. C. January 20, 1826, and departed this life in his home, April 19, 1895, aged 69 years, 2 months and 29 days. In early life he was given in marriage to Annie Barbara Frick, who was of a renown Swiss family. Back in Colonial times, three Frick brothers immigrated from Switzerland to America. One of them, whose name I do not know, settled in Pennsylvania. Another, whose name I do not know, settled in North Carolina, I think, in Rowan County. The third brother, Thomas Frick, settled near Little Mountain, S. C. in what was at that time a part of Lexington County.

It was he who was the forebear of my mother. I think he was her great grandfather. If not, her great grandfather, he was her great great grandfather. In the three states where these three brothers settled, we find many of their descendants today. In Pennsylvania some of them have become very famous and wealthy. One of them produced and manufactured the Frick Steam Engine, which was a very noted steam engine of the nineteenth century. Perhaps the same man, or if not the same man, a kinsman of his, became very intimately associated in business with Andrew Carnegie. I think he was perhaps Carnegies chief partner in business.

Middleton and Barbara Boland were very poor financially, when they began life's battle. They first settled about a mile west from Little Mountain and a half mile south of what is now National Highway number 76. This settlement, however, soon proved unsatisfactory. They then purchased additional land and settled on a primitive highway which has since become Highway number 76. Here they built and lived as comfortably as their means would permit.

Then came the tragical Civil War. A war which called for and took four years of my father's best life and strength. It was a period which entirely separated him from his family, but for the few furloughs he was permitted to leave. It was a period in which he could do nothing for the betterment of himself and family. It was a period of want and suffering, a period of tears and sacrifice. How happy they must have felt when the war came to a close, though the cause was a lost cause. How happy their thoughts of a reunited family must have been. Then imagine their unexpected sore disappointment. Before Father could reach home Sherman's men had been there, and left the home in ashes. Instead of the great joy of the blessed reunion, he was met by wife and children in tears, in rags, hungry and no place to sleep. Nothing but the old standing chimney which fire could not destroy. Then there was no Marshall Plan to help and no money to rebuild, and little that neighbors could do, as most of them were in the same plight.

But in the midst of all these difficulties, Father and Mother did not despair. They, as soon as they could, partly replaced the destroyed home with an oblong log structure, built to the old chimney. And there they lived till they could weatherboard, ceil,

and partition the room, and then from time to time they added other rooms until they could more comfortably live. And though the old house was never a structure of beauty nor a place of comfort as compared to modern homes, it was the home Father and Mother and Grandmother lived in and died. It was the home in which five of us younger brothers and sisters were born, and where we, with the older brothers and sisters, lived together and were happy.

Not only was this old roughly construed home a place of happiness for the members of the family alone, but the older children who later married, and went away to seek their own fortunes, often came back to be at home, and bring their children with them. Sometimes grandchildren would spend weeks at the time with us. Then it also became a center of great hospitality. Neighbors loved to visit us. Relatives and friends from far and near would often come. Strangers, tramps, peddlers and all who passed that way sought the old home as a place for midday meals and place to lodge at nights. Ministers and their families would come for entertainment. My Father and Mother often entertained such ministers, and often with their families, as the Revs. Daniel Elfrid, J. K. Efird, W. A. Julian, J. A. Sligh, Dr. George W. Holland, E. A. Wingard, A. G. Voight, Jacob Hawkins, George B. Cromer and others.

School teachers often boarded with us and loved to board there. Politicians, in the day of the horse and buggy, liked to make our home their headquarters. Cole L. Blease, who became a Governor of the State, and United States Senator, spent nights and ate meals with us. Also, his brother Eugene S. Blease, who later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina spent nights and days with us. Also their brother, Cannon Bleasse, who was for a long time County Sheriff. Not long before the demise of the old home, Eugene Blease while Chief Justice, with his wife passed that way. He pointed to the old house and said, "Yonder in that old house I spent many pleasant nights and ate many good dinners." Surprised at his remark, his wife replied, "You know you never!"

And why was all this? What was it all about? Father and Mother never in a special way sought or courted popularity. They didn't do it for show, and yet they did love friends and did try to befriend everyone they could. I never saw my father turn a stranger or a ragged tramp away, but neither did I ever see him seek the presence of such. But both Father and Mother tried hard to live the Golden Rule, and I think did come as near living it as any people I ever saw. Possibly this is why they were popular.

Then they were honest. They never tried to take advantage of anyone. They hated debts and credit. True they did often go in debt and have to ask credit. In fact, because of the adverse circumstances they had so often to meet, there never were times but what they had debts to pay, and as for credit, when they married they wanted a home, but had little or nothing to pay for that home. They had to purchase land on time and pay for it in installments. They had to build, which they did. As this first settlement was unsatisfactory, they had to buy additional land and rebuild. And when their home was left in ashes, they had to build again. The four years of war, when it was a struggle to exist, added only difficulty to difficulty. These and other adverse circumstances necessitated debt. And as much as they hated debt, they had to make debts. But they never made debts only when necessary, and always were able, by good management, and honesty and hard work, to pay their debts. At the time of their deaths they owned over two hundred and fifty acres of land, all paid for. I well remember the last payment they made, and how happy they were when they made that payment.

But when it was necessary for them to borrow, if money could be borrowed at all,

Father had no trouble to borrow, and borrow under his own signature. He was oft times asked to endorse notes for friends, and often did endorse for others, but I never knew him to have to ask endorsement from others. To show how people trusted him, I am going to tell you of this incident. It occurred right after the war, when money was at a premium. When few people had money to loan. Father had to borrow, but no one had money to lend. Father heard that Mr. Thomas M. Lake, Sheriff of the County, had money to lend. But neither he nor Mr. Lake knew each other well, nor had they ever before had dealings with each other. But father went to Mr. Lake for the money, and Mr. Lake readily loaned the money. When Father offered Mr. Lake a note, Mr. Lake said, "No, you need not give a note, just go home and tell your wife about it, and that will be all right." I wonder how many people we have today who would lend money on such security?

Father and mother were not only honest, but they were deeply religious. They were Christians. Not people who tried to gloat and make a show of their religion, but people who quietly and modestly trusted firmly and solely in the saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then tried hard to live Christian lives in gratitude for that saving Grace. It was because of such Christian lives that made them honest and popular. And where I say they were Christians, it is noteworthy to say, they were life long Christians. Their good parents before them were Christians, and had them baptized in infancy and early in life had them catechized and confirmed in the Christian Faith, always setting before them Christian examples. They were born and reared in the famous "Dutch Fork", a territory between the Broad and Saluda Rivers, settled solely by German immigrants, who brought their Bibles, Catechisms, Hymnbook and such other good books as were obtainable from the Other land, and diligently taught their children the truths of these good books.

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Both my Father and Mother were baptized in nearby St. Peter's Lutheran Church, better known as the Old Piney Woods Church. This church was organized in 1792 and was the early church of all the Bolands, Fricks, and Seases. It was Pastor Godgrey Dreher, one of the chief organizers of the South Carolina Lutheran Synod, and its first President who baptized, Catechized, Confirmed and married my parents. Pastor Dreher's son-in-law and successor as Pastor of the Old Piney Woods Church who was our family pastor for thirty two years. He baptized twelve of us, catechized and confirmed seven of the older brothers and sisters and buried two sisters. How much both my parents loved and revered Pastor Dreher and Pastor Efird! And how all of us children loved and revered Pastor Efird! I remember him as about the greatest preacher I ever heard preach. He preached rapidly and sincerely, and put more Scripture and Christ in his sermons than any preacher I ever heard, and told exactly where every passage he quoted could be found.

Coming back to my Father and Mother — Their education was very limited. This was because of the poor schools of their day. Instead of our well equipped High Schools and colleges and Universities with well-trained instructors, and modern buildings with fine and well-equipped libraries, my parents were reared in an age when there were no high schools, not even common schools. An age without colleges and universities but for the few and well to do. School buildings were one room log buildings and poorly equipped and poorly heated. School terms, instead of eight or nine months, lasted only a few weeks. In that age schools were entirely subscriptional, they had no state aid. Teachers were poor and untrained. And had to obtain support from other vocations. In short, it was the age of the "3 R's" — "Reading, riting, and rithmatic". Mostly reading without "riting and rithmatic". It was an age when Websters old blue back spelling book was the chief and only textbook.

Yet Father and Mother did have a smattering of reading, and by a hungering and thirsting for knowledge, greatly improved that smattering by constant practice. This was especially true of my Mother. She loved to read and read what few books and papers she could obtain and read remarkably well for her few advantages. She was a great reader of the Bible, and a great student of the Catechism and the Hymn Book. She committed whole chapters of the Bible to memory, besides many shorter passages. She also had a great store of hymns and poems which she had committed to memory. She would often tell about the things she read in the Bible. She constantly urged us to read the Bible and as often read the Bible with us. She and good old Grandmother loved to tell and often did tell us Bible stories. Stories of Adam and Eve, Moses and the Israelites, David and Goliath, Samuel and other Old Testament characters, and of the New Testament, of Jesus and His birth, His baptism, His miracles and Parables, and especially about His ignominious death and glorious resurrection. They would tell us about Paul and the other apostles and the hardships they had to endure to be Christians.

I have often thought if Mother had only had a modern High School education, not saying anything of a College or University education, what a power she would have been! She not only taught and urged us to read the Bible, but taught us the Catechism. I don't think I was over seven years before I knew the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. And what she so diligently did for me, she did for the other children. In fact, there were some brighter than I who knew these parts of the Catechism before they were seven. Today, if mothers were more like her, how much easier it would be for pastors to Catechize. Today it makes me real sad to see young people in the teens go to the Altar to be confirmed and yet take the Catechism or Book of Worship to read from the same their confirmation vows. Today how lamentable the thought of how so many bright, young people, supposed to be from some of our best Christian homes, who go to colleges and universities, and even graduate, yet do not know the Ten Commandments, the Creed, nor the Lord's Prayer. When I was a Seminary Student, there was a student in the Senior Class, not long before his graduation and ordination, who did not know the Ten Commandments.

When I think of the many good traits of my Father and Mother, of how well beloved they were, of how honest and Christian, and then of the many hardships of life they had to fight, and how well they fought those battles, it leads me to thank God from the very depth of my heart for my good heritage. When I think of it all, I am as the Prophet Isaiah in Chapter 51, verse one states it, proud to "Look unto the rock from whence I was hewn and unto the hole of it from whence I was digged." Today I wish every descendent of my parents could see them as I saw them and then proudly "Look unto the rock from whence they were hewn and unto the hole of it from whence they were digged."

I was recently greatly impressed by a tribute Speaker Rayborn paid to his good father. He said his father was a primitive Baptist Preacher, but financially poor and that he would often say to him, "Son, I have nothing to leave you but Character". Middleton and Barbara Boland left character, and plenty of it, for all their many descendants, both born and yet to be born. May each of us greatly appreciate that great heritage and then rightly apply it to our hearts and lives.

And speaking of their descendants, think of what a great array of descendants they have! The first born son, and child, was born in August, 1849. That has been one hundred six years ago since this present year of 1955. Since then there have been born thirteen children, sixty-four grandchildren, at least one hundred and thirty-six great grandchildren, at least one hundred and fifty-four great great grandchildren



Top—Middleton Boland Home.

Bottom—Middleton Boland Cemetery. Cousin Pettus and his daughter Margaret.

and at least thirty-six great great great grandchildren. A total of four hundred and three. We have the names of that many descendants, and we feel sure that there are others we were unable to obtain. Of this number there are over three hundred and thirty still living. From this number there are representatives living in at least thirteen states and some in the District of Columbia. There also are representatives living in Europe and Asia and perhaps in Africa.

In the field of education, we have already stated that the education of Middleton and Barbara Boland was very limited. In the face of this lamentable fact, how heartening to know that at least seventy of their descendants hold and have held diplomas from at least twenty-five colleges and universities which is over seventeen per cent of the descendants. Then there are at least thirty-five others who have attended these colleges and universities but who never graduated. That makes a total of at least one hundred and five of these descendants who received college and university instruction, which is over twenty-five per cent of the descendants. Besides these, who have received college and university instruction, there have been many high school graduates who never attended college or universities. Of these colleges and universities, the University of South Carolina leads with fourteen graduates and ten who attended but did not graduate. Winthrop College comes second with eleven graduates and four others who attended while Newberry College comes third with ten who graduated and eight others who attended. Had we all the space, it would be interesting to mention all these colleges and universities and who graduated at each. Besides the graduates many have taken post graduate courses and many others have done research work. Many also have taken business courses, and majored in certain professions.

In professional work, Middleton and Barbara Bolands' descendants have engaged in at least thirty eight different callings. Leading in these professions are farmers, instructors in schools, colleges and universities, railroad men, nurses, real estate dealers, ministers and church worker, salesmen, merchants, bankers — in fact almost every conceivable calling but physicians. I do not know why, but curiously enough, there is no doctor of medicine in the family. The same is almost true of politicians. Of this family, there has been one who has been a member of the General Assembly of South Carolina, one or two others have run for office but were defeated. With these few exceptions none other has ever sought the suffrage of the people.

In war service Middleton Boland himself had no slave to fight for, nor any other cause for Secession before South Carolina seceded, he opposed secession. When his state did secede, without a murmur, he gave four years of service to the Confederacy and suffered the loss of his home. Yet, neither he nor his wife ever drew a penny pension. To the contrary, he was taxed to help pension others far less fortunate than he in war service.

Since World War I, at least twenty of his descendants have served in the Army, Navy and Air Force. Of this number, only one gave his life in the service, having been killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Besides this casualty, all others returned safely home, and insofar as I know none were even wounded.

Morally, the Middleton and Barbara Boland family has always been peaceful and strictly law abiding and mostly temperate. No criminals, no bootleggers, no thieves, no murderers, no tax evaders, and none have been inclined to evade Army service. There have been a few heavy drinkers in the family, but number less than two per cent. And some of these heavy drinkers were only so as young men but soon repented and lived soberly the rest of their lives. If the whole citizenry of our country were free from law offences as this family there would be no need for criminal courts nor criminal imprisonments.

Religiously, with few exceptions who have transferred to the Presbyterian, Methodist and other denominations, this Boland family, like Middleton and Barbara Boland, and all their ancestors before them, have remained entirely Lutheran. And while some are more devoted and consecrated than others, I think without exception including the members of the other denominations to which some have transferred, all have been baptized in infancy, and later been instructed and confirmed into full fledged church membership. At least I for one, have never heard of a Boland infidel or even of a non church member.

It is noteworthy to state that some of these descendants have been outstanding and have taken the lead in the organization and building the continual support of such churches as Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, and St. John's, Clinton, S. C. It is also noteworthy to state that under the wise leadership of a great grandson, who organized a very weak mission in Anderson, S. C. less than twenty years ago, has developed the same into a strong and influential congregation.

It is interesting to note that of this family, there is a son and two great grandsons who are ordained Lutheran ministers and two other great grandsons in the Lutheran Theological Seminary with the ministry in view. There are today three grand daughters and two great grand daughters who are wives of Lutheran ministers, and one great grand daughter who is the wife of a Presbyterian minister. And there are several great granddaughters who are outstanding church workers in both the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches. Such is the record of the family from a religious standpoint.

DAVID BOLAND AND FAMILY

Order of Middleton Boland's children: David, Noah, Happy Rachel, Alice, Levi, Ellen, Francis, Emma, Mary Catherine, Ada, Jonah, Pettus, and Ira.

David, the oldest son and child of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. August 30, 1849, and departed this life, near the place of his birth, November 8, 1928, aged 79 years, 2 months and 8 days. Dave, without question, was a fine character. I think he came as near living his long life above reproach as any man I ever knew. He was humble and optimistic. He was greatly beloved and highly esteemed, not only by all his brother and sisters, but by the entire community in which he lived, and by all people who knew him well.

In his younger life he worked as a store clerk in Pomaria, S. C. and I think in Newberry, S. C. After this, like his father, he spent the entire of his life as a farmer. His education as compared to our present age was very limited, because of the very poor facilities of the age in which he lived. Yet he loved to read and read every book and paper he could obtain. Not only did he love to read, but like his good mother, he had a great memory and retained almost everything he read. Then too, he was a great and very interesting conversationalist. People always eagerly listened to him, for what he said was always well-said and worthwhile.

I thank God that he was our oldest brother and served so well as a model for the rest of us. In early life, I do not know the year, possibly about the year 1873, he was united in marriage to Ella Epting, a daughter of Captain George and Elizabeth Epting of near Little Mountain, S. C. This long happy married life remained unbroken for more than fifty years and then Ella lived many years after Dave's departure. Of this union were born eight children, four son and four daughters: James Lee, George Moody, Lula, Franklin Middleton, Bessie Belle, Jefferson Davis, Annie and Mattie. Of these descendants, James Lee, George Moody and Bessie Belle are deceased.

JAMES LEE BOLAND

James Lee was the oldest son of David and Ella Boland. He was born near Little Mountain, S. C. May 7, 1875 and departed this life in Greenville, S. C. August 18, 1947. He was by profession a railroad man, a section master. He spent the entire of his professional life in and around Greenville, S. C. Though my nephew, he was almost my age, a little younger. This being true, our boyhood days were very intimate. He was more like a brother than a nephew. His marriage was to Eleanor Tollison, daughter of E. T. and Mary Catherine Tollison of Belton, S. C. Nine children were born of this union—Henry Brady, Frank David, James Manning, Alva Dorothy, Claud Tollison, Sarah Eleanor, Joan, Bessie Belle, and Lola Evalyn. Without exception, all his sons, like their father, are railroad men.

Henry Brady, the oldest, was a machinist for the P & N Railroad Co. In this service he was accidently electrocuted. He was married to Nell Ridgeway but left no children. Frank David, the second son, is a Trainman for the P & N Railroad Company. His marriage was to Louise Wynn. They have three children—David, Dorothy Eleanor, and Jimmie Lee. David and Ineze have two daughters, Nancy and Loretta. Dorothy Eleanor is a graduate of Lander College. She is a scientist and has been an instructor in Lander College. She is married to Guy Owens who is in the service of the U. S. Army. They have no children. Jimmie married Bob Bailey and they have one daughter, Susan.

James Manning, third son of J. L. and Eleanor Boland, is a switchman for the C & W C Railroad. He was in World War II. He served in Rome, Northern France and central Eurpoe. He was in the Bulge under Patton. His war experience is most interesting and commendable. He is married to Janet Wood. They have one daughter, Cheryl Ann.

Alva Dorothy, oldest daughter of James L. and Eleanor Boland, married Fred James Hamby. They have two daughters: Particia and Barbara Elaine.

Claud Tollison, fourth son of James L. and Eleanor Boland, is a section master for the P & N Railroad. He served in World War II from 1942-46. His service was mostly in England and France. He is married to Estell Lydia Canup. They have no children.

Sarah Eleanor, the second daughter of James L. and Eleanor Boland, married Harry H. Hillespie. They have no children.

Joan, third daughter of James L. and Eleanor Boland married Winston Parker Lewis. They have a son and a daughter — Donald Arthur and Mary Ann.

Bessie Bell and Loya Evelyn, fourth and fifth daughters of James L. and Eleanor Boland are still single.

GEORGE MOODY BOLAND

George Moody, second son of David and Ella Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. October 15, 1876 and died in Columbia, S. C. November 15, 1948. He was by profession a railroad man, a telegraph operator and ticket agent. He was married to Anna Frick, who died in Columbia December 28, 1953. Of this union four children were born: Wilbur D., Linda, Helen and George Moody Jr.

Wilbur D., first child of George Moody and Anna Boland, was born October 2, 1901. He is in the service of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. He is at present located in Graham, N. C. He is married to Lottie Hardin. They have one daughter, Edna Ann who attended Columbia College. She is with her parents in Graham.

Linda, oldest daughter of Moody and Anna Boland, attended the University of South Carolina and died December 13, 1942. She married Drayton Smith of Kinards, S. C. who attended Clemson College. They have one daughter, Linda Lou, who is a student at the University of South Carolina.

Helen, second daughter of Moody and Anna Boland, was born February 6, 1906. She attended the University of South Carolina and married Eugene B. King of McBee, S. C. He also attended the University of S. C. and Wofford College. They have no children. They live in Columbia.

George Moody Jr., youngest son of Moody and Anna Boland, was born Nov. 10, 1910, and died May 4, 1937. He married Carolyn Hemphill of Columbia. They have no children.

LULA BOLAND CUMALANDER

Lula, oldest daughter of Dave and Ella Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. September 29, 1878. She is married to James Cumalander, a farmer, near Little Mountain, S. C. They have two daughters, Annie Belle and Ellen. Annie Belle is a graduate of Summerland College. She has a position as Counselor of the Girl Scouts. She married Evans Shealy, a graduate of Newberry College. He taught school several years and now has a position with Vocational Rehabilitation work, also as counselor. They live in Anderson, S. C. They have no children.

Ellen, second daughter of Lula and James Cumalander, attended Montreat College two years, then took training for a nurse. She does general duty at the Newberry Hospital. She married Francis Maddox and has one son, James. They live with her parents near Little Mountain.

FRANK MIDDLETON BOLAND

Frank Middleton, third son of David and Ella Boland, was born near Little Mountain March 10, 1880. He was educated in the Common Schools. He was first a railroad man — a telegraph operator and ticket agent, at Clinton, S. C. from 1900 - 1918. In 1918 he became cashier of the Clinton Bank, a position he retained till his retirement in 1951. He was twice married, first to Ella Theodosia Sproles of Greenwood, S. C. She attended Lander and Winthrop Colleges. This union was severed by death November 20, 1931. After the death of the wife of his first marriage he was united in marriage to Gladys Stilwell of Silverstreet, S. C. July 16, 1943. She is a graduate of Newberry College of the Class of 1921 and I think, was the first-honor student of her class. She has been a teacher in the Clinton Schools for thirty four years. Of the second marriage there have been no children. Of the first marriage there are six children. Janella Sproles, born August 7, 1910, Marguerite Sproles born September 8, 1913, Francis Marion, born May 25, 1915, and departed this life January 31, 1917, Adeline Sproles, born ————— 15, 1916. Frank Middleton Jr. born September 13, 1919 and David Donald born September 29, 1925.

Janella, the oldest child, is a graduate of Winthrop College. She is married to Clair Daniel Pitts, a high school graduate, who is employed by the City of Clinton in the Light and Water Dept. They have six children, Sarah Boland Pitts, the oldest is a high school graduate and is employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company. She is married to Jimmy Braswell, a high school graduate who is employed by the Clinton Cotton Mills. The Braswells have one child, Malissa Middleton Braswell.

Daniel Pitts Jr., the second child of the Pitts' is a student at Wofford College. Frank Pitts, the second son, is a high school graduate and is employed by the Dixie

Home Store of Clinton. Jack Donald Pitts, third son, is a senior of the Clinton High School. Mary Lou Pitts, second daughter is also a senior of the Clinton High School. Jerry Reid Pitts, youngest son, is in the eleventh grade of the Clinton High School.

Marguerite, Frank Bolands second daughter, is a High School Graduate, and the School of Nursing of the Cloumbia Hospital. She has done private nursing, also worked with Clinic at Spartanburg General Hospital, and with the T.B. Clinic. At present she is industrial nurse at Spartanburg Mills. She is married to Hovey Melville Reid, a graduate of Wofford College and now connected with the Pacific Mills, Lyman, S. C. They have two adopted children, Hovey Melville Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth.

Adeline, Frank's third daughter, attended Winthrop and Greenville Business Colleges. She enlisted as a private in the Woman's Army Corps, took basic training at Des Moines, Iowa. She has been promoted step by step until she is now a Major and is serving a two year assignment in Japan.

Frank Middleton, Jr., oldest son, served in World War II as T. Sgt. in United States Army Engineering Corps. He is now clerk and telegraphic operator for the C N & L Railroad at Clinton. He is married to Willie Earle Davidson, a graduate of Presbyterian College. They have three children: Linda Davidson, Jane Davidson, and Frank Middleton Boland Jr.

David, Frank's youngest son, is a graduate of Presbyterian College. He served three years in the Navy Air Force as Seaman 2nd Class. He has been bookkeeper in Federal Joint Stock Bank, Columbia, S. C. and is now in Personnel Dept. of Joanna Mills.

BESSIE BELLE BOLAND

Bessie Belle, second daughter of David and Ella Boland, was born in 1882. She is a graduate nurse of the Nurses' School of the Columbia Hospital. After her graduation she became a very popular nurse and successfully followed her profession for many years, but fell victim to the dreadful scourge of influenza which took so many lives at the end of World War I.

JEFFERSON DAVIS BOLAND

Jefferson Davis, fourth son of David and Ella Boland, was born June 22, 1884. Like his three older brothers, after receiving a common school education, he selected railroad for his profession. His first work was telegraph operator and ticket agent, for the C N & L Railroad at Clinton. Soon after he was promoted to Commercial Agent for the C N & L Co., a position which he has held for many years. He is married to Addelina Milam of Clinton, S. C. Of this union three children were born. A daughter and two sons: Hazel, Jefferson Davis and Dillard Epting.

Hazel has never been married. She holds a position as secretary for the J. P. Stephens Company in Greenville. Both sons have studied watch making, Jeff is in the watch repair and jewelry business at Joanna, S. C. and Dillard is working for a jeweler in Laurens. Both live in Clinton. Both saw military service in World War II. Jeff went on the invasion of Africa, Dillard on the Normandy Beach. Jeff is married to Agnes Milling but they have no children. Dillard is married to Dorothy Workman and has one son, Dillard Epting Jr.

ANNIE BOLAND FLIEDNER

Annie, third daughter of David and Ella Boland, was born Feb. 2, 1886. She married Henry M. Fliedner, who was a linotypist by profession and worked for some of

the most prominent newspapers of the South. He was closely related, perhaps a nephew or perhaps a great nephew, anyhow, very closely related to a great Lutheran Minister and Pastor of Germany, Theodore Fliedner, who did an outstanding work in both Germany and America for the Deaconess cause. Henry Fliedner died in Greenville, S. C. September 17, 1917. Of his marriage to Annie Boland there were six children: Henry M. Fliedner Jr. born July 23, 1906, Annie Elizabeth born February 12, 1908, Nell Boland born January 28, 1910 and departed this life March 16, 1922, David Theodore Fliedner, born November 11, 1911 and departed this life November 17, 1913. Dorothy Grace, born January 1, 1913 and Martha Genivieve, born September 4, 1916.

The son, Henry M. Fliedner Jr. is a graduate of the Presbyterian College. He studied law and was admitted to the Bar and is practicing his profession in Washington, D. C. He married Ann Allen, who is a graduate from a Washington College. They have one daughter, Anne. She married George Simmons. They also live in Washington, D. C.

Annie Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Annie Boland Fliedner, attended Agnes Scott and Winthrop Colleges. She is now teaching in the Little Mountain School. She married Charles Crowell of Forrest City, North Carolina. He died Jan. 17, 1941. They were the parents of three children — two daughters and one son. Mary Elizabeth, born November 2, 1936, who attended Leess McRay College, Banner Elk, N. C. and is now employed with the Veterans Administration in Columbia as a secretary. Carolyn, the second daughter, born October 5, 1940, is still a high school student at Little Mountain. Charles Crowell Jr. was born Jan. 28, 1941 and is still a student in the Little Mountain school.

Dorothy Grace, the second living daughter of Annie Boland Fliedner attended Montreat Junior College, Montreat, N. C. and a nurses School in a Washington hospital and took post graduate work at Catholic University for Public Health Nursing in Washington. She married Thomas E. Hoffman, who attended the University of Ohio. They are the parents of three children, Thomas E. Jr., Eugene Meredith, and Mary Margaret.

Martha Genevieve, the youngest child of Annie Boland Fliedner, attended Montreat Junior College and Presbyterian Hospital for nursing, Charlotte, N. C. She is at present supervisor of the Casey County Hospital in Liberty, Kentucky. She served 30 months overseas in World War II, was promoted to Captain and won several medals.

MATTIE BOLAND MATTHEWS

Mattie, the youngest child of David and Ella Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. July 18, 1890. She graduated from the High School and has since been a clerk in Little Mountain stores. She married Vance Matthews of Little Mountain, S. C. who died February 14, 1950. Of this union was born one son, David Sondley. David is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He taught school in the lower part of South Carolina until the death of his father. He then came to Columbia and taught for two years and has since been connected with the State Department of Education. He married Nelle Fletcher of Kershaw. She is a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. and after graduating, taught Religious Education in Clinton, S. C. They are the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter. Thomas Vance, Cynthia Nelle and David Sondley. David Sondley is named for both his great grandfather, and his father. They are making their home in Little Mountain with Davids mother, Mrs. I. V. Matthews.



Home of Abram Noah Boland

THE FAMILY OF ABRAM NOAH BOLAND

Abram Noah, the second son of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., April 19, 1851 and departed this life near the place of his birth, January 15, 1934, at the age of 82 years, 8 month and 28 days. He is buried in the Little Mountain cemetery.

Noah, like Dave, was a man of integrity, greatly beloved by his family, and all his brothers and sisters, and other relatives. He was not only highly esteemed by all who knew him, but he was a man of great influence. Like his father and mother, and all his brothers and sisters, he began his life financially poor, but he lived to accumulate some wealth. The farm which he owned was once the farm and home of F. H. Dominick, once the wealthiest man and the greatest slave holder in Newberry County. It was one of the most beautiful farms in Newberry County. When it was auctioned, Noah bid it off at \$4,000.00, a very large sum of money in that day. When the farm was knocked down at that bid, by-standers shook their heads and said, "He will never pay for it." But by good management, hard labor, and the assistance of a good wife, who stood by him, he did pay for it, making his payments from farm products and extensive saw milling. He also did, later in life, extensive wheat grinding, some years grinding at much as five thousand bushels, but I think he did his wheat grinding long after he paid for his farm.

When the C. N. & L. Railroad came through in 1890, Noah's farm became not only the site of the depot and every store and place of business, but practically the location of every residence in the town. And yet, after the sales and gifts of all such lots, Noah was still left with a large and beautiful farm, which he retained until the date of his death. Well may he be termed "the Father of Little Mountain."

Even before the railroad came through, the Post Office was located in his residence, as a Star Route, and Noah became the first Postmaster, serving in that capacity from 1888 'til 1914, a period of 26 years. In 1914 he relinquished the postmastership to favor the appointment of his daughter, Anna, who then became Postmistress, serving till her death in 1953, a period of 29 years. Thus Noah and his daughter, Anna, served as the first and second Postmasters for a period of 55 years. Long before Anna's death, the postoffice had developed from a star route into a third class postoffice.

Not only was Noah the first Postmaster of Little Mountain, he was also the first Mayor. He served successfully in that capacity for many terms — in fact, for as many terms as he would serve.

When Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was organized and built in Little Mountain in 1890, Noah donated the lot and was by far the greatest contributor to its erection. Later, when the old wooden structure was replaced by the beautiful brick structure, Noah was again the chief instigator. In fact from the organization of the Church to the day of his death, Noah was by far its most influential and most useful member. When the town cemetery was located, it was located on his farm, and I think he donated the land.

Like his father and mother, his home became a place of great hospitality. He loved people and he loved to entertain people. I seriously doubt if any other man in Newberry County ever entertained more, or as many people in their home, as he.

In 1873, Noah was united in marriage to Martha A. Miller, daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth Miller. Noah and Martha were second cousins. Their fathers were first cousins and were intimate life-long friends. This married life extended over a period of more than 50 years, Martha preceeding Noah in death on September 14, 1927. They

were the parents of thirteen children: David Walter, Simeon Ernest, Nettie Alice, Essie Ellen, Herbert Antine, Lula Beatrice, Leila, Blanch, Anna Elizabeth, Winnie Maude, Henry Cecil, Gertrude Miller, and Ninaleigh.

DAVID WALTER BOLAND

David Walter Boland, oldest child of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., September 1, 1874, and departed this life in Savannah, Georgia, August 22, 1944. Walter was over a year older than I. However, being born, and having lived less than a mile apart, all our boyhood days were spent in a most intimate way. We were more like brothers than like uncle and nephew. Walter was one of the best boys I ever knew. He acted more like an adult and had ways more like an adult than like a boy. He, as a boy, loved to go to school and to study hard. He loved to study better than to play.

Early in life he selected railroading as his life profession. I think he was the first telegraph and ticket agent for Little Mountain. He later served in the capacity at Prosperity, S. C., and in other places in Florida and Georgia, finally going to Savannah, Ga., where he faithfully served in his profession till his death. He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Savannah.

Early in life, Walter was united in marriage to Minnie Gertrude Miller, daughter of the Rev. Foster Miller of Atlanta, Ga. They were the parents of two daughters: Ruth and Leah. Ruth married William Edward Pearce, a long time letter carrier in Hillside, N. J., where they have made their home. They are the parents of two sons: Edward Dean and David Boland. Edward Dean served in the Korean War. He is a graduate of Rutgers University, and is an accountant for Nopers Chemical Company, Harrisons, N. J. David Boland is in the printing business for himself and lives with his parents.

Leah, youngest daughter of Walter and Minnie Boland, married Benjamin Franklin Dillion, who was born in Savannah, Ga., and educated in Jacksonville, Fla., and at Georgia Military Academy in Barnesville, Ga. During World War II, he was in charge of Civilian Personnel at Camp Stewart, where he died July 17, 1944. The Dillions had two sons; Walter Boland and James Thomas.

Walter Boland Dillon graduated from Broadwell Institute, Hainesville, Ga. He enlisted in the Air Corps of the U. S. Army in World War II. Since his discharge, he has been Administrator of the Annie M. Warner Hospital in Gettysburg, Penn. He is married and is the father of three children: Walter Boland Dillon, Diane Elvira, and Scott William.

James Thomas Dillon, the second son, graduated from Bass High School in Atlanta, Ga. He served in the Air Force in the Korean War and now lives in Decatur, Ga., where he is a sergeant in the National Guard. He is an underwriter of a Mutual Insurance Co. of Minnesota. He is married and the father of one son: James Thomas Dillon, Jr.

SIMEON ERNEST BOLAND

Simeon Ernest, second son of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., December 27, 1875, and died in April 1952 in Miami, Florida. He is buried in Little Mountain. Like Walter, he was near my own age — a little younger. And like Walter, we spent many of our boyhood days together. Ernest attended college at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, N. C. and later at Newberry College, S. C. He was twice married. First to Sallie Shealy, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. J. D. Shealy of Little

Mountain, and long after her death, which was in 1915, he met and married Prudence Leavitt of Miami, Fla. Since the death of Ernest, Prudence has also passed away. Of the second marriage, there were no children. Of the first marriage, there are seven children: Leslie Herman, Vera Lottie, Harry Feltner, Clyde Ferrill, Harlin Ernestine Cullen Klettner, and Martha Elizabeth.

Leslie Herman, oldest child of Ernest and Sallie Boland, was married twice — first to Gladys Reese. They were the parents of five children: Josephine, Audrey, Vera, Edna Graham, and Leslie Herman, Jr. After the death of Gladys, he married Mildred Bell of Williston, S. C. Of the second marriage, there are no children. They live in Williston, where Herman is engaged in farming and barbering.

Vera Lottie, oldest daughter of Ernest and Sallie Boland, has been twice married—first to Raymond Smoak of Columbia, S. C. They were the parents of one daughter, Sarah Pernell. Her second marriage was to George H. L. Mehrtens, of Charleston, S. C., who is now dead. Vera is buyer for the childrens department of Condon's Department Store in Charleston.

Harry Feltner, second son of Ernest and Sallie Boland, is in the real estate business in Orlando, Florida. He is married to the former Nadia Dawson of Charleston, and they have three sons: Harry Feltner, Jr., Vincent and Palmer.

Clyde Ferrill, third son of Ernest and Sallie Boland, is in the real estate business. He has been a member of the General Assembly of South Carolina, from Charleston County, and is, at present, a member of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. He married Mary Lou Sineath of Charleston and they have two sons: Peter Frederick and Clyde F., Jr.

Harlin Ernestine, second daughter of Ernest and Sallie Boland, married Ernest Linwood Sikes of Augusta, Ga. He owns a Radio and Television business in Charleston. They have two sons: John Lenwood and David Allen.

Cullen Klettner, fourth son of Ernest and Sallie Boland, is in the real estate and insurance business in Brunswick, Ga. He married Rosa Vickers of Brunswick and they are the parents of a son and a daughter: David and Vickie.

Martha Elizabeth, third daughter and youngest child of Ernest and Sallie Boland, married Joseph John Keenan of Charleston. He is deceased. Following his death, she was employed by the Heyward Supply Co. of Charleston. They had two children: Joseph John Keenan, Jr., and Sally Ann. Martha has recently married Hermon Frederick Bremer of Charleston.

NETTIE BOLAND

Nettie, oldest daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., May 31, 1877, and at the present time lives in Newberry, S. C. She was married to Claude F. Lathan of Little Mountain, who is now deceased. Claude was a business man who spent most of his business life in Newberry. They were the parents of three children: Lucile, Claude, Jr., and Martha.

Lucile married Thomas L. Bridges and they live in Rock Hill, S. C. She is a graduate of Winthrop College. Tom and Lucile Bridges have five children: Lucile Elizabeth (Betty), Lamar, Claude Augustus, Ann and Jean.

Betty Bridges married Fred A. Stewart, Jr., who served in World War II as a Lieutenant in the Air Force. The Stewarts have two children: Margaret Ann and Frederick A. Stewart III.

Thomas Lamar Bridges, Jr., oldest son of Lucile and Tom Bridges, married Virginia Merrit. They have two children: Thomasine and Virginia Dare. Lamar served as a Corporal in the U. S. Army in World War II. They live in Rock Hill, S. C.

Claude Augustus (Gus) Bridges, second son of Lucile and Tom Bridges, served in World War II as a U. S. N. Petty Officer 3rd Class. He has recently married Naomi Ruth Banks of Blackstock, S. C. They live in Rock Hill.

Ann and Jean Bridges are still in the home.

Claude F. Lathan, Jr., only son of Nettie and Claude, is in the Oil Business in Sumter, S. C., being distributor for the Purol Company. He married Ovalyn Kelly and they are the parents of two children: Maralin, deceased, and Edwin Kelly, now a student at the University of South Carolina.

Martha Elizabeth, Nettie's youngest child, married James C. McLane of Abberville, S. C. They now live in Marietta, Ga., where J. C. is in the Construction Business. They have two children, James C. McLane, Jr., and Alice. James C. McLane, Jr., served in World War II as a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force, and is now a Captain in the Reserves. He married Dorothy Dean of Sumpter and they have two children, James C. McLane III, and Patricia Ann. They make their home in Tullahoma, Tenn.

Alice, Martha's daughter, married Julian Kemp, who served as a sergeant in the U. S. Army overseas in World War II. They live in Marietta, Ga., and have one son, Michael.

ESSIE ELLEN BOLAND

Essie, second daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born May 20, 1879, in Little Mountain, S. C., and resides near the old home. She married David Farr, a railroad man of Little Mountain. He was a telegraph operator, and served at Little Mountain, Fountain Inn, Newberry, in North Carolina and Tennessee. They had four children: James David, Mary Cornelia, Wilma Ellen, and Robert Gene.

David is a graduate of King Presbyterian College. He is General Manager of the Royal Typewriter Company with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. He married Evelyn Kemble of Bristol, Tenn. They have one son, David Kemble, who is also married and the father of two children, Deborah and Kemble.

Essie's oldest daughter, Cornelia, married Winfred Miller, who was a Produce Merchant in Chester, S. C. Because of poor health, he had to relinquish his business and since his retirement, they have made their home with Essie. Cornelia is an undergraduate nurse.

Wilma, second daughter of Essie, is deceased. She married E. O. Brown, who is also a Produce Merchant in Chester, S. C. They were the parents of three children: Shirley, a student at the University of South Carolina, Sandra Ellen, and Molly Miller.

Robert Gene, youngest child, is a graduate of Newberry College, and the University of Louisville, Ky. He has done much research in this University and is a Psychologist. He is married to Ginette Louche, a native of Paris, France, who came to this country in 1946 and was naturalized in 1951.

HERBERT ANTINE BOLAND

Herbert Antine, the third son of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., June 24, 1881. Over fifty years ago he entered business in Charleston, S. C., and is today a retired railroad conductor. Soon after his arrival in Charleston,

he met and married Miss Carrie Bahr, and this devoted husband and wife have ever since lived in Charleston, except for several years when his work took them to Florence, S. C. They are the parents of six children: two sons and four daughters: Herbert Antine, Jr., Marguerite Gertrude, Inez Genevieve, Armond Miller, Cecelia E., and Mary Martha. Both of the sons live in Cordele, Ga., where they are jointly engaged in construction work, being sole owners of the Boland Construction Co., Cordele, Ga.

Herbert Antine, Jr. has been twice married. First to Toma Lange of Summerville, S. C. and to this union were born two sons: Herbert A. III, and Richard. After the death of Toma, he married Ede Hart of Charleston of whom also two sons have been born: Alvin and Wade.

Armond Miller, like his brother Herbert, has also been married twice. First to Mean Searson of Meggetts, S. C., and later to Mary Bundrick of Cordele, Ga. There are two children of each marriage: Of the first, a daughter and a son: the daughter, Carolyn, married Donald Gates of Washington, D. C. and the son, William S. is serving in the Air Force. Of the second: Jimmy and Elizabeth, both are in the grade school of Cordele.

Marguerite Gertrude, the second child and oldest daughter of Herbert and Carrie Boland, married W. David Kelly of Kingstree, S. C. They have three children, Marguerite 2nd, who is married to Harry C. Stoddard of Owens, S. C. and living now in Columbia, S. C., Davyne and David 2nd are now in high school in Kingstree, S. C. The Kellys also had a fourth child, Patricia who is now deceased.

Inez Genevieve, second daughter of Herbert and Carrie Boland, married Thomas C. Jeffers of Blaney S. C. They live in Rock Hill, S. C. and have one daughter, Caroline, who is a student at Winthrop College.

Cecelia E. married William T. West of Charleston, and they have no children.

Mary Martha, the youngest child of Herbert and Carrie Boland, first married Charles Richard Whitwell of Syracuse, N. Y., who lost his life in the Air Force. She later married Joseph J. Landhers of Philadelphia. Their only child lived only a few hours.

LULA BEATRICE BOLAND

Lula Beatrice, third daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C. in 1883 and died in early infancy.

LEILA MAE BOLAND

Leila Mae, fourth daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., May 21, 1884, and, at the present time, resides in Columbia, S. C. She was married to William L. Eargle, now deceased, who was a son of Paul E. Eargle. William was a railroad man — a telegraph operator for the Southern Railroad. They were the parents of five children: three sons and two daughters: Carroll Boland, Mary Margaret, Willie May, Frances, and Marvin L.

Carroll Boland, the oldest son, is a high school graduate and is a Bill Clerk for the Southern Railroad. He married Myrtle Summer and they are the parents of five children, all sons: Carroll B., Jr., Frank W., Neil C., James L., and Paul. The two older sons, Carroll Jr., and Frank are graduates of Dreher High School and have positions with the King Leather Co. of Columbia. Carroll is married to Helen Johnston of Whitmire, S. C., and Frank has recently married a young lady whose name I do not know. Neil and James are high school students and Paul, the youngest, is at this time five years old.

Mary Margaret, Leila's oldest daughter, married Ellis Edens, who is a freight conductor on the Southern Railroad. The Edens have three children: James Ellis served in World War II and was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Peggy, the daughter, is married to Marvin William Holt of the U. S. Army and they are now stationed in Germany. They have two small children, a son and a daughter.

William, (Bill), the younger son, recently graduated from the University of South Carolina, an honor graduate with some of the highest honors ever to be awarded to a student graduating from this University. He is a Technician Engineer and has a position with the DuPont Company, located in Wilmington, Delaware. He is married to Jean Langston of Goldsboro, N. C., and they have one little girl, Nina.

Willie May, Leila's second daughter, is a high school graduate, married to Olin G. Swicegood, a Lutheran minister of the United Lutheran Church, serving in the North Carolina Synod. He is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Since his ordination, he has served several pastorates in the North Carolina Synod, and is at present pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Troutman, N. C. He served for many years as Recording Secretary of the Northern Conference, and is now President of the Conference. The Swicegoods have two adopted daughters, Leila and Rebecca.

Frances L., second son of Leila and William Eargle, is a high school graduate employed as a conductor in the York town Naval Mines Depot at Yorktown, Va. He has been twice married. First to Maida Green of Hamlet, N. C., and after her death to Edna Yates of Charles City, Va. They have two children, Frank and Janet, and live at Charles City, Va.

Marvin, youngest child of Leila and William Eargle, is a graduate of Columbia High School and of Draughn's Business College. He served overseas in World War II in the Air Force, and is at present employed by the Veterans' Administration Regional Office in Columbia as a IBM Operator.

BLANCHE BOLAND

Blanche, fifth daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born June 21, 1886, in Little Mountain, S.C. and resides there now. She is married to Edward J. Locke who served with distinction in both World Wars. He is now retired but retains the rank of Lt. Col. in the Corps of Engineers of the U. S. Army. He spent much of his private life in road construction. The Lockes have no children.

ANNA ELIZABETH BOLAND

Anna Elizabeth, sixth daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., February 18, 1888, and departed this life in the house in which she was born on August 2, 1953. From a child she assisted her father in the Post Office in Little Mountain, and in 1914, she succeeded him as Postmaster, serving efficiently in this capacity until the time of her death, twenty-nine years later. During this long service she did her best to serve the people in the best way she could. She would often re-wrap packages she thought to be insufficiently wrapped, and would often address letters to soldiers for fathers who did not know how to address them. The Post Office inspector once pronounced her office as the best kept office in the state. She strived to serve and please all classes and ages and colors, and succeeded in making friends of all. She was also a great church worker in her local church. Because of her many deeds and kindness, she made and retained scores of friends.

Anna was the mother of Sarah Boland who graduated from Winthrop College in

1930, and was from her graduation till her marriage to Albert W. Frey of Augusta, Ga. in 1939, a most popular teacher in the public schools in Gastonia, N. C. She has also been an efficient church worker for both the local church and for the church at large. She is serving for the twelfth year as Parish Worker for the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Augusta, Ga., and is the first woman to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Childrens Home at Salem, Va.

MAUDE BOLAND

Maude, seventh daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C., December 18, 1890. She has lived in Columbia for many years and was twice married. First, she married to Oscar Stevenson, a 1st Lieutenant in World War I, and who was killed overseas. There are two daughters, Carolyn and Christine. Maude's second marriage was to William E. Boozer of Newberry, S. C. who is now a retired conductor of the C. N. & L. Railroad. He served during World War I as a Master Sergeant.

Carolyn Stevenson, Maude's older daughter is married to Dr. Arthur R. Thiele of Kansas, a graduate of Kansas State College as Veterinarian. He served in the United States Army as Lieutenant Colonel and is now in Service of the Government in the Bureau of Animal Industry. They live in Chicago and have one daughter, Chris, married to Tom Cook. The Cooks live on Long Island and are the parents of a daughter, Nina Elizabeth.

Christine, Maude's second daughter, married A. M. McDougall of Columbia, a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He was an officer in the U. S. Navy in World War II, and saw service in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and in the Mediterranean Sea. He holds a responsible position with General Motors and they are the parents of two sons, Billy and Steven.

HENRY CECIL BOLAND

Henry Cecil, youngest son of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain in the spring of 1892 and departed this life July 22, 1928. He was married to Bertha Claussen of Tennessee, who, perhaps still lives. Cecil, years before his death received a serious head injury from a falling water tank, which incapacitated his life until his death. He left no children.

GERTRUDE BOLAND PAGE

Gertrude, eighth daughter of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain on June 6, 1894, and for many years has made her home in Louisville, Ky. She was graduated from Winthrop College and was married to Grover Page of Gastonia, N. C. He is a very noted cartoonist and served in this post with the Louisville Courier-Journal for more than 40 years. Their only child, a son, Grover Jr., finished the schools in New Albany, Ind., and attended Center College in Kentucky and Art School in Chicago. He is married to the former Celene Harris of New Albany and they make their home in Louisville.

NINALEIGH BOLAND ADAIR

Ninaleigh, youngest child of Noah and Martha Boland, was born in Little Mountain, October 31, 1897, and has, for many years, lived in Clinton, S. C. She has been twice married, first to John L. Page of Gastonia, N. C., brother to Grover, and then to Rhett Adair of Clinton, S. C. There are no children of the second marriage, but two sons of the first. They are John and Cecil Page. John served as Sgt. in the 4th Infan-

try Division of the U. S. Army overseas for nearly four years. He lives in the old Noah Boland homestead in Little Mountain and served several terms as Mayor of Little Mountain, the same position held so long by his grandfather, A. N. Boland. John is married to Betty Louise Shealy also of Little Mountain, and their children are Nina Marie, John Edward, and Dianna Blanche.

Cecil Page, the second son of Ninaleigh, graduated from Little Mountain high school and then from Spartanburg Junior College. He served as Sgt. in the Air Force of World War II for nearly four years, but never had to go overseas. He held a position with Eastern Air Lines for some years, and now is a representative for a large Textile Machine Company and lives in Charlotte, N. C. He is married to Edith Orr from Gaffney, S. C. They were classmates in College. Their two daughters are Cecilia and Mary Jane.

RACHEL HAPPY BOLAND SHEALY

Rachel Happy, oldest daughter of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C., on October 30, 1853, and died near the place of her birth, August 2, 1935, at the age of 81 years, 9 months and 3 days. About three months after her death, her husband, John A. Shealy also departed this life at the age of 85 years. Then soon after John's death their daughter Bessie also departed this life. All three are buried in the nearby cemetery of the beautiful Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of which they were all very active members. All three had contributed much with labor and money for the erection and up-keep of the church.

Happy was the mother of two sons, Augustus and Quincy, before I was born, but she lived near us, and we saw her in my boyhood days almost every day. In fact because of the great difference between our ages, I was led to think of her more as second mother rather than as a sister. I think this was also true of many of my other younger brothers and sisters. Her home was a very attractive home. Like the home of her father and mother it was a great place of hospitality. Both Happy and John's parents like to go there. As children we all liked to go there. Living so near the church the pastors and their families would often go there after service. Their friends from off would often come and worship with them and visit in their home before their return home. They were always great friends to the pastors and their families and their door always stood open for the frequent visits they made. Then after their large family of children began to marry and rear families of their own both children and grand children liked to go back home. They would often several of them at a time, go back and have family reunions.

Happy, early in life, was married to John Anderson Shealy. To distinguish her husband from the other John Shealys who lived at the time in the community, he was known as the son of "Uncle Jacob and Aunt Katie Shealy". At the time of their marriage, and a long time thereafter, there were many Shealys in the community, and many John Shealys. I think at least five. "Uncle Jacob and Aunt Katie Shealy" were two great old people, and were our neighbors and intimate life-long friends of our family. They both lived to be almost one hundred years old.

Happy and John became the parents of ten children: William Augustus, Adam Quincy, Florence Emma, Mamie Ellen, Bessie Frances, Carry Anna, Mattie Lee, Bertha Mae, Nellie Rae, and Milledge Curtis.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SHEALY

William Augustus Shealy was the oldest son of Happy and John. He was always a very bright boy, witty and attractive, and very popular in the community. At a very

early age, I think still in his 'teens he graduated from Newberry College. After his graduation he taught school for several years. After this he served as a cashier of a bank in Leesville, S. C. But he spent the greater part of his life in the State Department of Education in South Carolina. In this capacity he served under two State Superintendents of Education. The last one being James H. Hope, I do not recall the name of the first one.

At the time of his death, he was Assistant Superintendent of Education. While in the office he was noted for his efficiency and popularity. He was said to be one of the best informed, if not the best informed man who ever served in that office. He had all its knowledge at a moment's command and could give, and readily did give all this information to all who desired it.

He married Allie Rawl, a very refined and attractive lady. She was the daughter of Mrs. C. E. Rawl, who was the second president of the Womens Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and one of the most efficient officers the society ever had.

Augustus and Allie became the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, Vernon Augustus and Carolina. Vernon Augustus is a electrician. He married Myrtle Crout. To them was born one daughter, Barbara Jean, who is a dance teacher.

Carolina is deceased. She graduated from Queens College. She married D. S. Shull, who graduated from the University of S. C. He is a druggist by profession. Of this union one son, Daniel Sandel Shull, who is also a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He is employed by the Westinghouse Electric Co.

Augustus and Allie are both passed away.

ADAM QUINCY SHEALY

Adam Quincy, deceased, is the second son of Happy and John. He was a railroad man by profession—a telegraphic operator and ticket agent. He also did some farming.

He married Hattie Saley of whom were born four children—three sons and one daughter. Martin Quincy, Alex Nathaniel, John Martin and Louise.

Quincy, the oldest, graduated from The Citadel in Charleston and is a post office supervisor. He is located in Tampa, Florida. He married Carrie Sawyer. They have no children.

Alex Nathaniel the second son, graduated from Clemson College and is a Maryland Power Company official. They live in Baltimore. He married Bridgette Boylston. They have two sons, Alex and Pat. Both are high school students.

John Martin, the third son, attended Clemson College. He is a rural mail carrier. He married Bernice Willis, a graduate of Newberry College. They have one daughter, Frances Louise, a high school student. They live with his mother in Perry, S. C.

Louise, the daughter, is a graduate of Anderson College. She is a telephone supervisor at Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. She married Loring Hyde, who is deceased.

FLORENCE EMMA SHEALY

Florence, the oldest daughter of Happy and John married Charles Epting. They both passed away. They were the parents of one son, Jacob Harold. He was evidently named for his grandfather, Major Jacob Epting, one of the most outstanding laymen of the South Carolina Lutheran Syond. Harold is the proprietor of the Farmers Epting

Distributing Company of Leesville, S. C. He is married to Azille Mills a graduate of Summerland College. They have one daughter, Betty Epting, a graduate of Coker College. She married Dr. Bob Owens, a druggist of Batesburg.

Harold attended Newberry College.

MAMIE ELLEN SHEALY

Mamie, the second daughter of Happy and John, married Jacob W. Long a farmer near Little Mountain, S. C.

They are the parents of seven children: Lucile, Winnie, Annie, Laurie, Rachel, Carroll, Bess and Julian. Nearly all the sons and grandsons have served in the Army.

Lucile, the oldest daughter, died in 1940. She had married Dave F. Eleazer. They were the parents of two daughters, Ray and Ellen. Ever since her mother's death Ray has kept house for her father who has never married again. Ellen married Bryson Lowman. They have one daughter, Kathy.

Winnie, second daughter of Mamie Shealy and Jacob Long, married T. M. Boland. They have two sons, Joe and Tommy. Joe has a position with the Joanna Mills of Clinton, S. C. Tommy served in the Army in Korea. He married Estelle Shealy. They have one son, Wayne.

Annie Laurie, third daughter of Mamie Shealy and Jacob Long, is a trained nurse. She nursed in Columbia successfully for over twenty years, then married Troy Boyd who live in Laurens, S. C. They have no children.

Rachel, fourth daughter of Mamie and Jacob Long, married Claude Frick. They have five children. George, Juanita, Billy, Sam and Jake. George married Mary Alice Meetze. They are the parents of one son, Randy. Juanita married Ernest Lindler. They are the parents of two sons. Charles and Mike. Billy married Hilda Bouknight. They have one son, Blenda. Billy served in the Army. Sam and Jake are with their parents.

Carroll, oldest son of Mamie and Jacob Long married Ola Mae Meetze. They have six children. Carolyn, Annie Rose, Myrtis, Retha, Linda and Glenn. Carolyn married J. B. Torrence. They have one son, James. Anne Rose married Robert Stockman. They have two sons, Keeny and Steve. Myrtis married Harvey Dominick. They have no children. The other three children, Retha, Linda and Glenn are at home.

Bess, fifth daughter of Mamie and Jacob Long, married Arthur Livingston, who is deceased. Of this marriage there were five sons. Robert, David, William, J. M. and Marion. Robert married Elizabeth Shaw. They have no children. Her other sons, David, William, J. M. and Marion are single and live with their mother.

Julian, second son of Mamie and Jacob Long, married Margie Mills. They have one son, Don.

BESSIE FRANCES SHEALY

Bessie, the third daughter of Happy Boland and John Shealy, was about 55 years old when she died. She never married. From early school days she and George Riser, a boy about her age, became special friends. As the years passed, this friendship developed into a strong love, which was destined to develop into ties of matrimony. Then happened the sad unexpected. George was called away. This so effected Bessie's life that from the day of George's death, until her own death, she could never love any other man sufficiently enough for marriage. From that day she was content to live with, and love and tenderly care for her dear father and mother. This she did in a most beautiful way. Especially was this true as her parents grew older, and so much needed her tender love and care. It was beautiful and refreshing to visit in the home and see this tender relationship.

But like all things earthly, this beautiful relationship could not continually endure. On the second of August, 1935, the mother was called away. This was a day of great grief to the family, especially to the father and Bessie. We can only imagine, for no one can ever realize how deep that sorrow must have been. Then happened the almost unthinkable. God suddenly touched the father, and almost in an instant called him Home, leaving Bessie in much greater distress. To this mysterious act of the Heavenly Father, none of us at the time could understand, and were inclined to ask "why?" But the Merciful Father in Heaven did not leave us long to ask "why?" He soon also touched Bessie and suddenly called her Home to be forever with the Blessed Lord and all the loved ones who had gone before.

Today it is refreshing indeed to think of father and mother and Bessie and George forever together with the Lord in that blissful Home where there is no more parting, where there is no more hunger nor thirst, and where God wipes away all tears.

CARRIE ANNA SHEALY

Carrie, fourth daughter of Happy Boland and John Shealy, was married fifty years ago to Willie Koon. He is a brother to the late Rev. S. P. Koon, D.D. Willie is a retired carpenter and contractor. He has built and repaired over one hundred churches, and also made some church furniture.

Carrie and Willie are the parents of three children, all sons. Karl, Abert and Herbert.

Karl attended the University of S. C. He is a printer by profession. He is the foreman of the Linotype Department of the R. L. Bryan Printing Company of Columbia, S. C. He married Frances Harris of Columbia, a graduate of Winthrop College. She is Secretary for the Rev. Karl Kinard, D.D., who is President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. C. They have two children, Frank and Billy. Frank is now attending Clemson College.

Albert Ray, the second son, has been a professional ball player, but has worked with his father as a carpenter. He is at present with a Construction Company in Columbia. He married Dorothy Stuart, a High School graduate of Starr, S. C. They have four children, Annie Rose, Mary Nell, Albert, Jr., and Betty. Anne Rose is in the eighth grade. The other children are under school age.

Herbert Roy is a High School graduate of Chapin, S. C. He stood a civil service examination, and after serving for about a year at the Navy Yard in Charleston, S. C., was called into the Army, where he served about twenty-six months. Half of this time was overseas in England, France, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland. After his discharge he went back to the Navy Yard, and lives in North Charleston. He married Margie Swittenberg, a High School graduate of Little Mountain. They have two small children, Herbert Roy, Jr., and James Luther.

MATTIE LEE SHEALY

Mattie Lee, fifth daughter of Happy Boland and John Shealy, nearly fifty years ago married Claude Clark. He is a farmer and lives near Little Mountain, S. C. They have three children, a son and two daughters. Thelma Gladys, Alton Claude and Miriam Francis.

Thelma is a graduate of Summerland College. Alton Claude, from Newberry College and the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary. Miriam attended Newberry College

took a commercial course, and majored in music.

Thelma married Virgil T. Derrick of Little Mountain. They have seven children. Betty, John, Ann, Tom, Linda, Kenneth and Rebecca. They have lived in Walhalla ever since they married. Thelma, for the last five or six years, has been teaching in the Walhalla High School. She says, "She just loves to do it."

Betty Derrick married James Gilder of Walhalla. They have four children, Carroll, Kathey, Bonnie Jean and Danny.

John Derrick served in the Army, overseas for three years. He then came back and graduated from Clemson College. He is now employed in Durham, N. C.

Ann Derrick is a graduate nurse. She is married to Lowell Ross of Walhalla. They live in Belleville, Ill. Her husband is in the Air Force and Ann nurses in the hospital there.

Tom Derrick is in Korea in the Air Force.

Linda, Kenneth and Rebecca, the three young Derrick children, are at home.

Alton Claude married Alice Warner of Anderson. They have two boys, Marion and Henry. They are in school in Anderson. Alton is one of the outstanding Lutheran Ministers of the S. C. Synod. He was ordained in 1936. He then went to Anderson to take care of a mission composed of only a few members. His work was almost isolated from Lutheranism. There were practically no Lutherans to draw from, and no equipment as church or parsonage. Today he has a loyal and working congregation of about 375 baptized members. A nice brick church with educational facilities well located in Anderson with an adjoining modern parsonage and a newly purchased adjoining lot for further development. He is very popular, not only with his own people, but also with the City of Anderson. We are very proud of him as a great grandson of the Middleton and Barbara Boland family.

Miriam Francis attended Newberry College. She married Earl Willingham of Newberry where they now live. They have three children, Judy, Peggy and Bobby. Judy is in the second grade. Peggy and Bobby are under school age.

BERTHA MAE SHEALY

Bertha Mae, the sixth daughter of Happy Boland and John Shealy, is a high school graduate of Little Mountain. She married John W. Ballentine, who is a graduate of Newberry College. Since his graduation he has been an outstanding teacher in several high schools of South Carolina. He has now retired from his profession. He has also been an outstanding layman of the Luthern Synod of South Carolina, a position from which he has not retired, and I predict will never retire until death, although this last position is a non-salaried one. Since retirement the Ballentines now live about five miles out from Columbia on Highway 76. They have three sons John Frederick, Andrew Wendell and Robert Augustus.

John Frederick is a graduate of the Citadel, and is in the U. S. Army. He is a Colonel in rank. He and his family are at present located in Yokohama, Japan. They will be there for about two years. His wife was Julianne Cooner, a University graduate, and before her marriage a school teacher. They have a daughter, Beverly Ballentine, in high school.

Andrew Wendell Ballentine, the second son, is a graduate of the University of S. C. He is the Editor of the DuPont Magazine, and is located at Wilmington, Del. He

is married to Jean Hill, a South Carolina University graduate. They are the parents of an infant son, Andrew Wendell, Jr.

Robert Augustus, youngest son, lives near his parents. He is married to Marietta Shealy, who was born and reared in Columbia. "Bobby", as he is familiarly known, is a clerk in the City Post Office. He is also a Lieutenant in the National Guard. He was educated at the University of S. C. They have one infant son, Michael.

NELLIE RAE SHEALY

Nellie Rae, the seventh daughter of Happy Boland and John Shealy, attended Winthrop College. She married George E. Lever, who graduated from Newberry College. He is a double first cousin to the late Hon. A. F. Lever, and a nephew of Prof. S. J. Derrick, L.L.D.D., deceased, who was a President of Newberry College. The Levers have no children. He has retired from service in the Post Office Department of Columbia. He was a P. O. Supervisor in that Department, and served in that capacity for forty years. His church and Camellias are his hobbies. He has over one hundred named varieties of Camellias.

The Levers live in Columbia and are members of St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

MILLEDGE CURTIS SHEALY

Milledge Curtis, the youngest son of Happy Boland and John Shealy, attended Newberry College. He is by profession a printer, and has been a foreman with the R. L. Bryan Company in Columbia for over thirty years. He married Nell Bailey of Columbia. They are the parents of two daughters, Nell Bailey and June. Both daughters are married.

Nell attended the University of S. C. She married Stanmore Watson, a graduate of the University of S. C. He is now connected with General Motors Corporation in Charleston. They live at Isle of Palms. They have three children, Stanmore, Jr., Jimmy and Kathy.

June attended the University of S. C. She married Sidney LaCoste, who is a graduate of the University of S. C. They live in Columbia where he is a Post Office Clerk. They have an infant son, David Sidney.

ALICE BOLAND

Alice, second daughter and fourth child of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C. June 27, 1855 and departed this life July 25, 1856 at the age of one year and 28 days. She is buried in the family plot at the feet of her father and mother near Little Mountain.

LEVI CALHOUN BOLAND

Levi Calhoun Boland, third son and fifth offspring of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C. July 23, 1857, and departed this life in Charleston, S. C. September 15, 1938, at the age of 81 years, 1 month and 23 days. He is buried in the Lutheran part of the Magnolia Cemetery of Charleston.

In many respects, Levi was a very remarkable man. Born not quite four years before the great Civil War, and not quite eight years old when it closed, means he was born and schooled when educational facilities were very poor and limited. All he received in this respect would hardly compare to the third grade of the present age. Yet with his great hunger and thirst for knowledge, and by hard and diligent study,

he supplimented his knowledge so as to make his life very successful. Whatever he did in life, he did it carefully and well. As a boy on his father's farm he was industrious. As a sawmill man he could saw lumber as good and as fast as any other man. While quite a young man he often corresponded for a local newspaper and his articles were always sought and read with interest. When the C. N. & L. Railroad was surveyed in the fall of 1886 and the spring of 1887, he joined the crew, and was soon promoted from a common hand to the position of Leveler, a position number three from the top place of Chief Engineer. This position required mathematical skill and clear and careful thought such as ordinarily could only be done by a business college training. Yet it was said of him that he did the work with perfect accuracy.

Later he became a salesman — a clerk in two general stores of Prosperity, S. C. First for the firm of Wise Brothers and then for Mosley Brothers. He served in this capacity for both stores for a period of about eight years and was the leading clerk in both stores.

After his services as a clerk in these two stores, he became a traveling salesman for a confectionary firm of Atlanta, Ga. and served faithfully and efficiently until forced to retire because of infirmity of age.

In his long life of over 80 years, he met scores of people of all classes and ages and colors, and was popular with them all. In the summer of 1889 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Sue Paisley, nee Meggette. Of this union there were two sons—L. C. Jr. and Ciril. Both sons went through High School and after graduated from Georgia Tech. Then both took special courses at Columbia University. Ciril never married but departed this life many years ago, as quite a young man. L. C. Jr. has made an architect of note. He lives and has headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. He was united in marriage to Cornelia Jones who departed this life in 1951. Of this union was born one daughter—Myriam. Myriam is a graduate of Wessleyan College and lives with her father in Atlanta.

ELLEN BOLAND

Ellen, the third daughter and sixth child of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born in Little Mountain, S. C. December 8, 1859 and departed this life July 10, 1877, age 17 years, 7 months and 2 days.

Ellen was born deformed. She was void of a rib. She lived her short life as an invalid and suffered much and severe, but bore it all patiently and without complaint. Though frail and deformed in body, she was intellectually bright, and was of a Christ-like disposition. She is buried in the home plot, where her father and mother and grandmother and little sister Alice and little Lula Beatrice, the infant daughter of Noah and Martha Boland sleep.

At her death, I was only two years and five months old. It may seem incredible but I remember her well. I can visualize her form, I can still hear her voice, I can still see her sweet smile. All the circumstances of her death and burial are still plain to me. Her life and death made a great impression on my life.

FRANCIS VICTORIA BOLAND LINDLER

Frances Victoria, the fourth daughter of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. March 1, 1862; and departed this life near the place of her birth Sept. 14, 1949. Her age was 87 years, 6 months and 13 days. She is buried beside her husband, Joshua W. Lindler, in the cemetery of the beautiful Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, near their home, and the church of which they were devoted members.

Frances was physically the smallest of the Boland children. I don't think she ever weighed much over one hundred pounds. However, the smallest physically, I think she was the most dynamic in energy. Born in the time of the Great Civil War, when times were hard, when money was at an all time low, when school facilities and school teachers were poor, and a time when people had to work, and did work, hard to keep the head above the water, and keep the wolf from the front door, she survived it all. Frances lived and worked hard and faced all these conditions bravely and patiently. She could plow like a man much larger and stronger than she. She could hoe or handle any farming tool of her age as perfectly as any man. As a binder, she could follow any reaper; as a picker of cotton, she could pick over two hundred pounds per day with all ease. In disposition, she was optimistic and not pessimistic. She looked on life with a smile and not a frown. I think she was thankful from the depth of her heart, that conditions were not worse.

What a blessing was Frances to her parents and to the younger members of the family! The older brothers and older sister soon, after the war, married and left home to seek their fortune. That left Frances and parents and three younger sisters plus three quite small brothers to face the hard facts of life. The young sisters could work, and did work, but the brothers were a deficit and not an asset.

Frances was not only a God send to the family, but also to the community. She was popular with the neighbors; they all held her in the highest esteem. Above all, Frances was a Christian. She lived a christian life, and reared her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in the love and practice of all that is good. It was she that truly carried the load. She loved her church, the beautiful Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of which she was a member. It was built practically by their Pastor, Rev. J. L. Cromer, and the people of the congregation. Pastor and people together worked hard in the building of that nice church. They furnished, cut, sawed, and hauled all the timber and the other necessary materials in the church themselves. They worked hard and made sacrifices for all the other materials they couldn't furnish. They did all of the building of the Church that they, themselves could do, and hired done what they couldn't do. Among those members who worked hard, and made great sacrifices, none worked harder and did more than the Lindlers. It was said of Frances' husband, that he almost wore out a new wagon hauling materials and almost worked himself blind in making up mortar and waiting on the masons.

Frances was married to Joshua W. Lindler in the month of January 1887. Their married life exceeded fifty years. When broken by the death of the husband, Frances lived several years thereafter. Of this union were born six children, four sons and two daughters. Namely: Virgil O'Neal, Rosabelle, Maggie, Arthur Boland, Homer Pettus and Ernest Heber. All six still live at this writing with the exception of Virgil O'Neal and Homer Pettus who have departed this life.

VIRGIL O'NEAL LINDLER

Virgil O'Neal, the oldest son, was a farmer, and lived near Chapin, S. C. He married Anna Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of near Chapin, S. C. Of this union were born eight sons and one daughter. Namely: Grady, Emanuel, Berley, Miller, Laurence, Clara, James, Edgar, and Arthur Clinton. Grady married Pheba Harmon, and is working with the Standard Oil Company in Columbia, S. C. They are the parents of two children: Grady Jr. who is attending Clemson College, and Walter who is in school.

Emanuel married Sally Shealy. They have no children. He did work for South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., but now works for Lexington County.

Berley married Janet Eargle. They are the parents of two children. Alvin, who is going to Newberry College and who also happens to be the oldest grandchild. Berley Jr. is attending High School. Berley is foreman for The Public Service Authority, (Santee Cooper Project).

Miller married Estella Milliken. They are the parents of two children, namely: Miller Jr. and Jackie. Both are students in school. Miller is foreman of the Street Department, in Columbia, S. C.

Laurence married Essie Eula Eargle and works with the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company. They are parents of two children also; L. A. and June who both are students at Chapin, S. C.

Clara married Claude Alewine. She is a housewife; they have two children. Tressa and Kitrell who are both in school.

James married Theresa Amick. James too works with the South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. They are the parents of two infant children; Sandra and Brenda.

Edgar married Elaine Stroke. "Ed," the seventh son, is a graduate of Newberry College, and of our Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary. He is an Ordained Minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. C. He has recently been called, and has accepted the call to the Silverstreet Lutheran Church of Silverstreet, S. C. from his first Pastorate, St. James Lutheran Church near Lexington, S. C. They have no children.

ROSABELLE LINDLER

Rosabelle, the oldest daughter of Frances and Joshua, is a High School graduate. She married Andrew A. Meetze, deceased. They had no children. Since the death of her husband, Rosabelle makes her home with her brother, Arthur Lindler, 1130 Maple Street, in Columbia, S. C.

MAGGIE LINDLER

Maggie, the second daughter of Frances Boland and Joshua Lindler, is a Little Mountain High School graduate. She married Lause Gallman, a farmer, who lived near Newberry, S. C. Lause has long since departed, but Maggie still lives on his farm. They were the parents of four children. A daughter and three sons. Namely: Mary Frances, Karl Jefferson, Lause Gallman, Jr. and Grady Lee Gallman. They are all married with the exception of Grady Lee. Mary Frances married John Calhoun Meetz of Little Mountain. They have one daughter, Sylvia Frances. Karl Jefferson married Louse Shealy of the Bush River Community. They too have one son, Jefery Wayne. Lause Jr., married Ovaline Clopton of Newberry. They also have one son, Larry Forrest. Grady Lee works for The Newberry Observer Paper Company.

ARTHUR BOLAND LINDLER

Arthur Boland, the second son of Frances Boland and Joshua Lindler, is a graduate of Newberry College. After his graduation, he taught school for a while and then entered the Banking Business. For many years, he has been supervisor of General Accounting for the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, of Columbia, S. C. He married Athalie Orman Nesbit. They are the parents of six children: Arthur Boland Lindler Jr., Gene Nesbit, Athalie Louise, Ethel Rea, Elizabeth Ann, and Frances Boland.

Arthur Boland Lindler Jr., graduated as an AB from the University of S. C. He

is head of the X-Ray Department, Veterans Administration Hospital Columbia. He is married to Emily Gertrude Rivers. They are the parents of three children. Emely Louise, Gertrude Rivers and Arthur Boland III.

Gene Nesbbit is a BS graduate of the University of S. C. and received MA degree from Presbyterian Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., MT from Duke University. For four years she was Medical Technologist for the Presbyterian Mission Hospital in Korea. At present she is with the S. C. State Health Dept.

Athalie Louise, is a BA graduate of the University of S. C. She is Associate Editor of Youth Department of the Presbyterian Board of Education, Richmond, Va.

Ethel Rea, is a BA graduate of Winthrop College. She is director of Shandon Methodist Church day Kindergarden.

Elizabeth Ann, is a BA graduate of Winthrop College. She is Drawing Clerk for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Columbia, S. C.

Frances Boland is a BS graduate of Winthrop College. She received the MA degree from the Presbyterian Assembly's School, Richmond, Va. She is married to the Rev. Sammuel Harman Thomas, a minister of the Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of an infant son, Samuel Harman Thomas Jr.

HOMER PETTUS LINDLER

Homer Pettus, third son of Frances Boland and Joshua Lindler, has departed this life. He was a Little Mountain High School graduate and was a farmer who owned and operated a part of the Middleton Boland farm near Little Mountain.

He made pork and poultry raising a specialty. He was married to Hettie Wofford who since Homer's death continues to live on the farm. They are the parents of two children; a daughter and a son: Rachel Ann and William Wofford.

Rachel Ann is a recent graduate of Winthrop College, and before her graduation had a job with the Eastman Company, a branch of the Eastman Kodak Co., in Kingsport, Tenn.

William Wofford (Billy), is a High School Graduate of Little Mountain High School. At this writing he is working with the Highway Dept. out of Columbia.

ERNEST HEBER LINDLER

Ernest Heber, the youngest of the Lindler children, is a High School graduate of Little Mountain. Like his brother, Homer, he too is a farmer. He also lives on a part of the Middleton Boland, his Grandfather's farm. He makes stock and poultry raising a speciality. In the past year, 1954, he rasied nearly 5,000 chickens. He is married to Stella Wessinger Amick of Chapin, S. C. They are the parents of three sons: Robert Lee, Jerry Allen and James Ray, and one daughter, Betty Jane.

Robert Lee is a graduate of Little Mountain School, 1953, and has a position with the Clarence T. Summer Inc. Firm of Newberry, S. C.

Jerry Allen and James Ray are both students of Little Mountain High School.

Betty Jane was born since I began writing the history. Heber died four or five years after Betty Jane was born.

EMMA BOLAND BRADY

Emma Boland Brady, the fifth daughter and the eighth child of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born in Little Mountain, South Carolina, January 24, 1865, and

departed this life in Columbia, South Carolina, August 16, 1948, at the age of 83 years, 6 months, and 23 days. She is buried in the Little Mountain Cemetery beside her husband, who had preceeded her in death 45 years.

Emma, like her sister Frances, was born in war times. As a consequence she experienced hard times in early life. Like Frances, when the older brothers and older sisters were married and gone, and the three younger brothers too young and small to work; when money was at a premium, and the needs of the family were great, Emma had to work hard in the home and on the farm. But she faced these obstacles in life bravely and without murmur. She could plow and hoe and handle all other farming implements well. And did do all such work well. And then like Frances, she could pick over two hundred pounds of cotton per day. To Emma we younger children owe a great debt of gratitude.

In the early spring 1892, she was united in marriage to Thomas Brady, who was the section master on the C. N. and L. Railroad. He was originally from Detroit, Michigan. From Detroit he came to Charleston and from Charleston to Little Mountain. We say he was section master and he was a good one. He had taken first prize for the best kept section for the entire Atlantic Coast Line Systems. He came to Little Mountain as an Irishman, a Roman Catholic, and a stranger. What a contrast to the people of Little Mountain — predominantly of German descent and almost entirely Lutheran! As a result he was first received with a spirit of indifference, but this indifference soon vanished when he was found to be a man with a big heart and a neighbor and citizen to be highly esteemed. As a Roman Catholic, he was true to his church and loved his church. He often went to Columbia to hear services. But more often he was in Little Mountain on Sundays, and when there attended with his wife and children the Lutheran services, and contributed substantially to its support. If you will bear with me a little further in this tribute, I will say when I wanted to go to Newberry College in 1893, and had no financial means, it was he for almost four years who loaned me the money without note and without interest. He took it out of his salary as I needed it. Then, when I paid him in full, he gave me back some of my last-payment. But for this act of kindness, as I see it now, my life would have been quite different.

At his death in early 1903, Emma was left a widow with five small children—James, Lawrence, Nel, Lucy, and Ada—all to rear and support and educate with little financial aid. But by God's grace and great perseverance on her part and the extreme sympathy and kindness of her many friends, she did the work well. Today all five are members of the Lutheran Church of good and high standing. Ada, her youngest daughter, is Mrs. C. Ross Ritchie the good wife of a good Lutheran minister.

JAMES FARLEY BRADY

James Farley Brady is the oldest son and child of Thomas and Emma Boland Brady. He is a printer by trade. For many years, in his early profession, he worked in Atlanta, Georgia. Some years since he has moved to Columbia, South Carolina, and ever since been with THE COLUMBIA RECORD.

He is married to Margaret Ann Rucker, daughter of Garnewell and Elizabeth Stokes Rucker of Gaston, South Carolina. Of this union one son has been born—Herman Lawrence. This son has been a life long invalid and has been quite a care for his parents. However, they have borne the burden without murmur or complaint. Their address is 1919 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

LAWRENCE BRADY

Lawrence Brady, the second son of Thomas and Emma Boland Brady, is a railroad man. Having served his apprenticeship as a fireman, he has for the past fifteen years been an engineer and loves his work.

Lawrence has been twice married. The wife of his first marriage was Rossa Mae Culbertson, daughter of Jons and Oxner Culbertson of Greenwood, South Carolina. Of this union were born two daughters—Rosemary and Geraldine.

Rosemary graduated from Winthrop College and married Paul Barmore Ellis, Jr. who is a graduate of Clemson. He was from Greenwood, South Carolina. Of this union there are three children—Carole, Paul Barmore, III, and Ellen. Mr. Ellis is connected with the Spring Foundation in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Geraldine, the second daughter, attended Winthrop College for two years and then transferred to the University of South Carolina where she graduated. She also lives in Fort Mill and is connected With Springs Foundation.

Lawrence, in his second marriage, was married to Lucy Rebecca Black, daughter of Butler and Jennie Black. They have one small daughter, Jennie Lynn.

NELL BRADY

Nell Brady is the oldest daughter and third child of Thomas and Emma Boland Brady. She graduated from the Little Mountain School and taught school for a while. She after, with her mother, moved to Columbia South Carolina. Ever since their removal to Columbia, she has worked in the City Treasurer's office.

LUCY BRADY

Lucy Brady is the second daughter and fourth child of Thomas and Emma Boland Brady. Lucy graduated from Winthrop College and has ever since taught in the schools of Columbia. At present she is head teacher of the school in which she teaches. She is a good church worker in both her local congregation and the Lutheran Church at large.

BARBARA ADA BRADY

Barbara Ada Brady is the youngest child and the third daughter of Thomas and Emma Boland Brady. She is the wife of Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, D.D. Dr. Ritchie is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary. He was ordained by the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina in 1927 and has served as pastor of Trinity of Rocky Mount and the First Lutheran Church of Lexington. He also served as a chaplain in World War II. At present he is the Executive of the School located in the mountains of Virginia.

The Ritchies have two children—a daughter and a son—Barbara and C. Ross Ritchie, Jr. and are graduates of Lenoir Rhyne College.

Barbara, since her graduation, has taught in the schools of Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. C. Ross, Jr. is a student in our Southern Theological Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. Since then he has served as pastor.

MARY CATHERINE BOLAND

Mary Catherine Boland, sixth daughter of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was

born near Little Mountain, S. C. June 6, 1867. As a child and maiden, Mary was pretty, humorous, good natured, and attractive. She was a favorite of the family, the community and all who knew her. She was talented. She could prepare a meal above the average. She could laundry clothing with the old time iron, heated before an open fireplace, to work done today by modern equipment. By hand, she could dry clean and press clothing to compare with modern machinery. She was an expert with a needle and sewing machine. She never owned nor even knew of the modern machine, electrically equipped, that can embroider, work button holes, sew on buttons and do numerous other things. Her machine was the old time machine which had to be peddled with the foot and then do little less than sew. Yet with all these obstacles to combat, she could make men and women's clothing - especially women's clothing, to compare with ready made wear, and do it more substantially than ready made wear.

Because of her talent as a dress maker, she was in constant demand, but good natured like, never charged for value received. But like us all, Mary had faults, serious and deadly faults, unless cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. But with her faults she also had virtues and many virtues which over-balanced her faults. Her greatest virtues, I think, was that she knew she had sins which could only be forgiven by her Lord Jesus Christ and knowing this, she humbly sought the Savior" free and forgiving love. She loved the church, and loved the good ministers of the church. She loved to attend the services of the church. Like the Psalmist, she could truly say, "I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." And like all others who love the church, Mary regularly attended the church as long as health permitted, and I know no one who attends church who could then come home and give you the message more verbatim than she. In short, Mary was a Christian.

Weakened in body, and most severely lacerated by the ravages of cancer, but strong in saving faith and grace, she departed this life in Columbia, S. C. May 4, 1936 at the age of 68 years, 11 months, and 3 days. She is buried beside her son, Tommie, in the city cemetery of Atlanta, Georgia.

CORRIE ADA BOLAND DAVIS

Corrie Ada, seventh daughter of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born near Little Mountain, South Carolina, on June 19, 1869. At this writing (1955) she is 86 years of age and lives with a daughter, Mrs. Hugh J. Rhyne, in Columbia, S. C.

Ada and I are the only living members of the family of Middleton and Barbara Boland. There were thirteen children in all. We are not only the two remaining members of this family, but are also the only living grandchildren of the sixty-six grandchildren of Abraham and Christiana Boland, and among the very small number of surviving great-grandchildren of John Boland, the sire of the Boland Family in America. Just how many of his great-grandchildren are still living we do not know. As we said in the first chapter, he had eight sons and two daughters, of two marriages. Abraham Boland, our grandfather, was the only child of the first marriage. Six of the other sons, and perhaps the two daughters, migrated to Georgia, and the details of their history is lost to the South Carolina branch of the family. Henry Boland, who remained in South Carolina, had two descendants who can be counted among the great grandchildren of John Boland. They are: Mrs. W. H. Roof of near Lincolnton, North Carolina, and Dr. Killian Price of Hickory, North Carolina.

To return to Corrie Ada Boland, she together with her older sisters, experienced the hard years of Reconstruction Days, living at the family farm in Little Mountain.

But conditions improved as she grew older, and she had somewhat better educational opportunities than her older sisters. Mt. Tabor High School, a very famous school of its kind, had been organized after the War Between the States, and Ada attended this school for a while. On March 23, 1897 she was united in marriage to Braxton Bragg Davis, a young widower of Newberry, South Carolina. Mr. Davis, son of Captain and Mrs. Isaac Davis of Georgetown, South Carolina, was born March 1, 1862. He was reared largely in the home of Colonel Henry Blese of Newberry, due to the loss of his parents after the War. He served his apprenticeship in undertaking and monument work with the firm of Levell and Spears of Newberry. There were five children by his first marriage to Tallulah Wertz of Newberry, one of whom had died prior to his marriage to Ada Boland. Of his marriage to Ada seven children were born, five of whom are still living. All of these seven were born at the old Boland home-
stead in Little Mountain, which Mr. Davis acquired after his marriage to Ada. Although not a farmer, he attempted to operate the farm for many years, doing considerable monument work as a sideline. Although originally a baptized Episcopalian, Mr. Davis joined the Baptist Church while he lived in Newberry. After his marriage to Ada, he united with the Lutheran Church in which faith he remained until his death. About 1910 he accepted a position with the Epworth Orphanage in Columbia, South Carolina, to teach stone carving to boys of that institution. The family moved to Columbia in 1911 where they became staunch members of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Braxton served for many years as an active member of the Church Council of Ebenezer, and in his later years was selected a Life Member of the Council, which he had served so well. Braxton was a man beloved not only by his large family, but by all who knew him. He died September 14, 1936 and is buried in the Little Mountain Cemetery. Friendly and generous almost to a fault, he left behind a host of friends who remember his cheerful smile and sunny good humor. Ada, who survived him, is also beloved for her wit, her optimism and her warm-heartedness. Although now not able to attend as regularly as she would like to, she remains an active member of Ebenezer Church, its Sunday School and its Women's Society. She is among the oldest living members of the congregation, and is the oldest member of her Sunday School class.

CHILDREN OF BRAXTON AND ADA DAVIS

The large family of Braxton Davis, although of two marriages, lived and continue to live as devotedly as if they were all of one marriage. The older children of the first marriage to Tallulah Wertz are: JOHN LELAND, who served for many years with the Mergenthaler Linotype Company and was at the time of his death on January 17 1951, its Vice President*; ANNIE AZILE married Dr. David Andrew Epting of Columbia, and they have one son, David, Jr.; JAMES ARTHUR, for many years with the Seaboard Air Line, is now retired and lives at Jacksonville, Florida; he has a daughter, Mildred, and two step-children; MARY CLEORA, widow of Geroge M. Lee, lives in Columbia and has three children, Mary Frances, John Davis and George, Jr.

Of Braxton's and Ada's children, as we have said, there were seven, as follows:

BENJAMIN IRA DAVIS

Benjamin Ira was born in 1897 and was killed in an accident with a runaway team in Columbia February 14, 1911, just two weeks after the family moved to Columbia. He is buried in the Little Mountain Cemetery.

*John had one child, Frances;

FOOT NOTE

BRAXTON MIDDLETON DAVIS

Braxton Middleton Davis was born March 6, 1899. He attended Newberry College where he was in the ROTC. He now lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is the Supervisor of the West Bay Post Office. He is married to Mary Keller of Hardeville, South Carolina; she was a nurse at the Baptist Hospital in Columbia at the time of their marriage. They have two sons: KELLER MIDDLETON, who is in the United States Navy; and EUGENE EARLE, who is a professional baseball player.

MYRTLE ADA DAVIS

Myrtle Ada Davis was born June 23, 1901. She was graduated from Winthrop College in 1921 with a B.A. degree, and received a certificate in voice in 1927 from the University of South Carolina under Maurice Mattison. Myrtle worked for two years after her graduation in the office of the Missouri State Life Insurance Columbia. Then she taught school in Springfield, South Carolina and in the City Schools of Columbia. On October 4, 1927 she married the Reverend Clarence Kesler Derrick, a graduate of Newberry College (A.B.) and of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia (B.D. degree). He received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Newberry College in 1951. Dr. Derrick served the Pelion Mission in South Carolina (four churches — Good Shepared Swansea; Orange Chapel, Springfield; Holy Trinty, Pelion; St. John's, Pelion, R.F.D.) from 1927 to 1930; he served the Kings Mountain Pastorate in North Carolina (two churches — St. Matthew's Kings Mountain; St. Luke's, Kings Mountain, N.C.) from 1930 to 1935; he served St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Charleston, South Carolina, from 1935 to 1945; since November 15, 1945 he has been pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Derrick has served on many important Boards of the Church in the Synods in which he has been—as a member of the Newberry College Board of Trustees; on the Executive Committee; and at present on the Lowman Home Board of Trustees and the Home Mission Committee of his Georgia-Alabama Synod. Myrtle has always loved the church and been a very active church worker. She has served in many and varied capacities—President of the Womens Conferences, and also the Georgia - Alabama Synodical Women's Society. At present she is completing a three-year term as Thank Offering Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America. Myrtle and Clarence have had five children, three of whom died in infancy. The two other are: CLARENCE KESLER, JR., a graduate (A.B.) of Newberry College and now a ministerial student in the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; and MILDRED ELIZABETH, a student in the Atlanta City Schools.

GEORGE CLAIRE DAVIS

George Claire Davis, third son of Braxton and Ada Davis, died in infancy, August 4, 1904, aged 9 month and 22 days.

HARRY ELLERBE DAVIS

Hary Ellerbe Davis, the fourth son of Braxton and Ada Davis, was born August 25, 1905. He is an A.B. graduate of the University of South Carolina, and received his M.A. degree from Columbia University in New York. At present he is a Professor in the Department of Dramatic Art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been active in the theatrical field for a number of years, having served for two years as Director of the Town Theatre in Columbia, South Carolina, and from time to time with several professional summer theatres. Associated for a number of summers with Paul Green's famous outdoor drama, "THE LOST COLONY", he is now

associated with another famous historical play, "UNTO THESE HILLS", presented during the summer season at Cherokee, North Carolina. "UNTO THESE HILLS", which Harry directs, tells the story of the Eastern Cherokee Indians, and is presented in the beautiful Mountainside Theatre in the heart of the present-day Cherokee Reservation. In its first six years this play has broken all attendance records for summer historical shows, having played to almost a million people from all parts of the country. Harry has been twice married, first to Ora Mae Jackson of Campobello, South Carolina, who died in 1942, and now to Suzanne Marden of Portland, Oregon. Both wives have been costume designers, and both have worked close with him in his theatre activities. There are no children by either marriage. Harry served for four years with the Army during World War II, first as an enlisted man in the Air Transportation Corps and later as both an enlisted man and officer in Military Government. He received a direct commission in France in 1945, and served as Education and Religion Officer for the Military Detachment in Upper and Middle Bavaria, Germany, for a year immediately following the German surrender. He was released from service as a 1st Lieut. in 1946.

MILDRED ATLEE DAVIS

Mildred Atlee Davis was born July 19, 1907. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, receiving an A. B. and A. M. degree. She taught school in Columbia for a short while before her marriage on June 30, 1931 to the Reverend Hugh Jenkins Rhyne of Dallas, North Carolina and Baltimore, Maryland. Hugh received his A.B. degree from Lenoir Rhyne College, his M.A. degree from the University of South Carolina, and his B.A. degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Roanoke College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Rhyne served churches in Baltimore, Maryland, in Marion, Virginia, and Salem, Virginia. He was elected President of Marion College, Marion, Virginia, in 1938 and served in this capacity until his untimely death in 1942. They Rhynes were the parents of two daughters: MILDRED ANNE and BETTY JEAN. Anne, a Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of South Carolina in 1954, served as a teacher in Columbia prior to her marriage to the Rev. Karl F. Suhr in June 1955. Pastor Suhr, a Cum Laude graduate of Newberry College, received his B. D. degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in May 1955. He is Mission Developer in the Northeast section of Atlanta, Georgia. Jean Rhyne is a student at present at the University of South Carolina. After her husband's death Mildred acquired the old Davis home in Columbia, and Ada, her mother, lives there with her. Mildred is a librarian in the Public Schools of Columbia.

FRANK HALBERT DAVIS

Frank Halbert Davis, fifth son and youngest child of Ada and Braxton Davis, was born July 20, 1909. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, he is by profession a chemist. He served for several years with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., later with the Bureau of Mines, both in Bethesda, Maryland, and in Boulder, Colorado. During World War II he served as an Officer in the United States Navy, and spent some time in Navy Service in Egypt following the close of hostilities. Commissioned as a Captain in the Chemical Corps of the Army, he went to Germany in 1953. In 1955 he took over a civilian assignment in Germany, supervising a U.S. government laboratory with some fifteen German chemists. Frank married Roxie Lou Davis of Chattanooga, Tennessee, whom he met while she was employed in Government Service in Washington, D. C. They have a six year old daughter, Roxie Lou.

EDWARD JONAH BOLAND

Edward Jonah, the fourth son of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. June 8, 1873, and departed this life in Springfield, S. C. in November, 1936, age 63 years, 8 months, and some days. He is buried in the cemetery of Springfield beside the wife of his second marriage, Addie Wessinger Boland.

Jonah, in early life, selected railroading as his profession. To this end he took a Business Course in Newberry College. After, he worked and studied Telegraphy under Agent K. D. Lake in the station office of the Southern Railway in Prosperity, S. C. His first position was Telegraphic and Ticket agent in Springfield, S. C. This was about the year 1890. From that time until his death in 1936, although he changed vocations several times, he spent practically his entire life in Springfield. We might say of him, he went to Springfield in 1890 as a young man unknown and somewhat coolly received, but died in 1936 as its wealthiest and easily its most influential and highly esteemed citizen. This was true in his relation to all classes of people, both white and black, both old and young, both rich and poor.

After serving as Ticket Agent and Telegraphic Operator for many years in the Railroad service, he resigned to accept a position as Bookkeeper for Bene Brothers and Company, which was the largest merchantile establishment in Springfield. When the First National Bank was established in Springfield, Jonah became one of its most substantial advocates and supporters, and was made its first president. After serving in that capacity for many years, he resigned to devote the rest of his days soley to farming.

He purchased one of the largest, oldest and most noted farms of that part of the State, besides other lesser farms. On these farms he produced annuallly large crops of asparagus, cotton and corn, wheat and oats and many other lesser products. He planted many trees and made stock raising a specialty. He raised horses and mules, cows and hogs, and did some milling, and took part in civic work.

Jonah was married three times. First to Daisy Tarrant of Springfield, the daughter of a Methodist minister. The second marriage was to Addie Wessinger of a prominent family of Blackville, S. C. The third marriage was to Edith Phillips of Springfield, daughter of Charlie Phillips, a prominent farmer of Springfield.

There were three sons of the first marriage — Harry, Hubert Thurston, and Cromer. And of the second marriage two daughters — Marie and Elizabeth. There were no children of the third marriage, and Edith still lives in Springfield.

Harry, the first son, died in infancy. Thurston grew to manhood, and graduated from Newberry College. He served in World War I as a first Lieutenant. After the war, he married Maud Maccebon, the daughter of a prominent Methodist minister. They became parents of two sons — Hubert Thurston Jr., and A. M. Boland. A. M. is married and has two sons and one daughter — Gus Jr., Robert and Lillian Louise. Thurston is no more, having departed this life some years ago.

Cromer, the third son, is a graduate of the Citadel of Charleston. He also served as a first Lieutenant in World War I. After the war he married Miriam Bean, daughter of John Bean of Springfield. They have one son, Edward who is married and has two sons, Albert Benson and Edward McBride, Jr. Cromer is the operator of his father's large farm and like his father, has been very successful.

Both Jonah's daughters — Marie and Elizabeth are graduates of Columbia College, a Methodist Institution of Columbia, South Carolina. Marie is married to H. A.

Timmons of Columbia. They are the parents of two small daughters — Marie 2nd and Mary Elizabeth. Both these children, at this writing, are students of the Columbia Schools.

Elizabeth, Jonah's youngest daughter, has never married, but since her graduation has taught school in the Clinton Schools of South Carolina.

Incidentally, Jonah's life with the great success he made in the business world, was somewhat tragic. Daisy, the wife of the first marriage, in the bloom of life and in perfect health, trod upon a nail which penetrated the shoe and extended deep in the foot. This produced blood poison and lockjaw which resulted in a very painful death. Addie, the wife of the second marriage, was killed in an automobile wreck which occurred also in the bloom of her life.

LAWSON PETTUS BOLAND

Lawson Pettus, fifth son of Middleton and Barbara Boland, and author of this Boland History, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. February 12, 1875. At this writing, he is over 80 years of age, and as a retired minister of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, lives near Cleveland, N.C.

He and his sister Ada, as has already been stated in Ada's history, are the only two living children of Middleton and Barbara Boland.

Pettus is a B. A. graduate of Newberry College of the class of 1897. Also, of our Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary of the class of 1901. The Seminary was then at Mt. Pleasant near Charleston, S. C. Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D. was then the President of the Seminary. He was also instructed at the time by Rev. J. W. Horne, D. D., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer PhD and the Rev. Karl Boldt, who were at that time pastors of Lutheran congregations in Charleston.

His first pastorate was Beth Eden Lutheran Church near Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi. He was ordained to the ministry by the Mississippi Synod in the fall of 1901 in Bethlehem Church near Forrest in Scott County, Miss. Early in 1903 he received and accepted a call to the Graniteville Pastorate at Graniteville, S. C. This pastorate at the time was composed of St. James, Graniteville, and Orange Chapel, Springfield, S. C. While there he also supplied Mt. Calvary Church near Johnston for one year. This work was in the South Carolina Synod. In the fall of 1904 he received and accepted a call to the Lebanon pastorate of North Carolina Synod, composed at the time of Lebanon Providence and St. Matthews congregation near Cleveland, North Carolina. In the spring of 1908 he received and accepted a call to the Pine Grove Pastorate of the S. C. Synod. This pastorate was near Lone Star, South Carolina and was composed of Pine Grove, Trinity, Elloree, and St. James, Fort Motte, S. C. In the Spring of 1916 he received and accepted a call to the Beth Eden Pastorate of the S. C. Synod near Newberry, S. C. This pastorate was composed of Colony, Beth Eden and St. James congregations. In the fall of 1924 he received and accepted a call to Enochville Pastorate of the North Carolina Synod, near Kannapolis, N. C. This pastorate at the time was St. Enoch and Trinity congregations.

The very first of the year 1932, he was called and accepted the call to the Taylorsville Pastorate of the North Carolina Synod, composed at the time of Friendship, St. Johns and Shiloah congregations. The first of July 1940 he retired from the active ministry and settled near Cleveland, N. C., but since supplied Lebanon Church for three and a half years.

During his active ministry of forty years, two churches under his leadership were

built, the beautiful Trinity Church of Elloree, S. C. and St. James near Newberry. Two other churches were remodeled and rebuilt — Pine Grove, Lone Star, S. C. and Friendship, Taylorsville, N. C. One Parsonage — Lebanon, Cleveland, N. C. was built and the parsonage of Pine Grove, Lone Star, S. C. was remodeled.

During his ministry in the S. C. Synod, he was both Recording Secretary and President of the Southern and Newberry Conferences. During this time he was a long time member of the Board of Trustees of Summerland College. In the N. C. Synod he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Home at Salem, Virginia.

He has been twice married. First, to Orra Phillips, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fanning Phillips of Springfield, S. C. They were the parents of one daughter, Blandina. After Orra's death, August 1, 1903, he was united in marriage May 8, 1906 to Margaret Elizabeth Powlas, daughter of the late John W. and Margaret Victoria Powlas of Cleveland, N. C. They are the parents of four children—three daughters and a son—Juanita, Margaret Elizabeth 2nd, Annie Barbara and Lawson Powlas. Blandina, daughter of the first marriage, departed this life September 14, 1905 and is buried beside her mother in Springfield, S. C.

Juanita, oldest daughter of the second marriage, is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College. She is married to Bernard W. Cruse of Detroit, Michigan. He was educated at Lenoir-Rhyne College, studied Law in Detroit, was admitted to the Bar. He practiced law for a while in Detroit and then came to Concord where he has ever since practiced his profession. The Cruses are the parents of two sons, Bernard W. Jr., and Kenneth Boland. Bernard W. Jr. was educated at Davidson and Lenoir Rhyne Colleges. He served his country overseas and in Asia in World War II. After the war he married Evelyn Davis of Concord. They are the parents of two children: Bernard W. 3rd and Katherine. Bernard W. Jr. lives in Detroit and works for the Ford Motor Co.

Kenneth Boland is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a graduate in Law. He has been admitted to the Bar, practices his profession as a partner with his father in Concord. He served his country in the Korean War and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant but never went overseas. He is still in the Reserves. Juanita, the wife and mother, has for many years and is at present teaching school.

Margaret Elizabeth, the second daughter, is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College of the Class of 1935. After her graduation and until her marriage, she taught school in Alexandra and Catawba Counties. In the summer of 1940, she was united in marriage to Mr. R. E. Herring of Hickory. They are the parents of a son and a daughter, Eddie and Ellen. At present and almost all the time since their marriage, with the exception of time spent in the service of his country in World War II, Margaret and her husband have made their home in Hickory. He is an oil and fuel dealer, and she again, after the birth of their children, has resumed school teaching in the Hickory Schools.

Annie Barbara, the third daughter, is also a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College of the Class of 1937. After graduation, she taught school, first in Iredell County and then in Rowan. After teaching for a few years, she took business training and then entered service of the Southern Railroad as a clerk. For the first few years she served in this capacity in Washington, D. C. and, at her own request, was transferred to Atlanta, Ga., where she has since served in this same capacity. Barbara has never married.

Lawson Powlas, the youngest and only son of Pettus and Elizabeth Boland, is a graduate of the Woodleaf High School, Woodleaf, North Carolina. He has worked

in several filling stations, clerked in two stores in Cleveland, then worked in a plant that made planes for the government in Baltimore, Maryland. After this he entered the Service, was sent by the Government to take a special course in electricity in a training school in Denver, Colorado. After taking the course, he was retained as an instructor in the same school until the end of World War II. Since his discharge he has been in business of his own in Cleveland, N. C. He is married to Mary Wamble of Wagram, N. C. who is a graduate of McDonald Presbyterian College, Red Springs, N. C. Since her graduation she has taught Bible in Virginia and North Carolina. She taught first at Harrisonburg, Virginia and ever since in the schools of Salisbury, North Carolina.

Four daughters have been born to them since the writing of this history in 1955. They are Betsy, Mary Frances, Ann, and Jean .

IRA COENS BOLAND

Ira Coens, the youngest of the thirteen children of Middleton and Barbara Boland, was born near Little Mountain, S. C. March 9, 1877 and departed this life in Clinton, S. C. November 17, 1947, age 70 years, 8 months and 8 days. He is buried in Rosemont cemetery in Clinton beside his beloved wife, who departed this life soon after Ira's death.

Ira was a merchant almost all of his professional life. He first clerked in the general store of J. B. Lathan of Little Mountain, S. C. Then in a store of the same kind for Mosley Brothers, in Prosperity, S. C. After this in a store near Clinton, S. C. at the Lydia Cotton Mills for his father in law, J. B. T. Scott. After this for J. W. Copeland in Clinton. Then for the Bell Workman Company of Clinton. And finally in early spring of 1914 he opened a fancy grocery store of his own in Clinton and operated the same until his death in 1947.

Ira was, without question, a good man. Not perfect, for there has only been One such in all the history of the race, and beside that One Perfect Man there will never be another as long as time lasts. And yet, imperfect, as he was, I think Ira came as near living a perfect life as any man I ever knew.

When he passed away, Mr. Wilson W. Harris, Editor and Publisher of the Clinton Chronicle devoted over a column of his paper in tribute to his memory and this tribute began with the first column of his paper. And then, not satisfied with this tribute, he devoted an editorial to his praise in the second page of the paper which also covered over a column. In this tribute, I don't think I ever saw a more beautiful tribute paid to a man in a newspaper. I wish I had space to incorporate it in this history. If I should do so, it would be nothing left but to give the history of his family. He wrote of him as a well known and highly esteemed citizen. Of his impartiality and popularity as a merchant, of his honesty, of his loyalty to his country and state and town. Of his uncompromising stand for the right in all things, and last but not least, he unsparingly praised him as a Christian, of how he loved and worked for the church, especially the Lutheran Church, which was the faith of his fathers. In this he said, "But for Ira Boland, I doubt if there had ever been a Lutheran Church in Clinton." The assertion is strong. God is all powerful and can do and does what He pleases, despite any one individual. And if it were God's will, and I believe it was, for the Lutheran Church to be planted in Clinton, it would have been planted there without Ira. And yet I also believe God, in carrying out His great plans, does honor and works through individuals, and I believe it firmly that He raised up Ira Boland as His chief instrument in the planting of the Lutheran Church in Clinton.

When Ira came to Clinton, I doubt if there were over a half dozen Lutherans there, and they were after this very slow in coming in, yet Ira loved the Lutheran Church, and wanted one in Clinton. I think he must have had faith that some day there would be a Lutheran church there I think and know he prayed and worked hard for that day, and gave of his meager means for its accomplishment and never let an opportunity pass without using the opportunity and to all this I think God was moved and granted Ira's request. In proof of what I say, did not the Lord Himself tell his disciples that if they should "Ask anything in His Name He would do it?" and what would be more in His Name than to ask that the Church which he purchased with His own precious Blood might be extended? And so today, there is a Lutheran Congregation in Clinton. Not so strong numerically, but strong in the unity of its members, and one of the most active working churches in the South Carolina Lutheran Synod. And like Editor Harris, I firmly believe that church to a great extent, is God's gracious answer to Ira's prayers and faith and efforts. But at the same time I have never thought for one moment that Ira wanted the least of praise for the same, but was only too willing to give all the glory to God.

In 1902 Ira was united in marriage to Mildred Scott, daughter of the late J. B. T. Scott of Little Mountain. They became the parents of two sons — Ratchford and Robert. Ratchford graduated from the Presbyterian College of Clinton. After his graduation, he taught school one year in Alabama. While there he met and married Jessie Day. After their marriage he returned to S. C. and has ever since engaged in business as a Life Insurance Agent with headquarters at Clinton. Ratchford and Jessie are the parents of one daughter, Betty Ann. Betty Ann attended Newberry College one session, she then took training for a nurse in the Memorial Hospital in Charlotte. She has since married James Mayer, a business man in Charlotte, and they have two young daughters — Ann and Peggy.

Robert, the second son, was educated in the Clinton Schools. He is a traveling business man, connected with the Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company with headquarters at Landford, S. C. He is united in marriage to Mary Higgins of Landford. Mary is a graduate of Limestone College. Both sons, and their wives are active members of the congregation Ira labored so hard to establish.

CHAPTER IV

THE FAMILIES OF HENRY, JOHN JR., AND DAVID BOLAND

Henry Boland, one of the seven sons of John's second marriage, like his father and older brother, remained in his native county and state. His native county was Lexington, and his native state South Carolina. Like his brothers and sisters, Henry was born and reared in the "Dutch Fork". Some time in early life he left the "Dutch Fork", crossed the Saluda River and settled near Gilbert, South Carolina, but still in Lexington County. Here he reared a large family. We do not know the number of his children, nor all their names, but we do know he had at least five children, all daughters, and their names were Elizabeth, Frances, Susan, Lou, and Mary Ann. Besides these five daughters we also know he had other children. There was at least one son, and perhaps other sons and daughters, who left Gilbert in Lexington County and settled in Union County, South Carolina. Our reason for this statement is that when I was a boy, Frances, one of the sisters from Gilbert, would often visit this brother, or brothers and sisters, as the case might be, in Union County. In making these visits she would always stop over with us in our home and spend a night either in going or coming or both. Little Mountain was on her way, and in those days of the horse and buggy the way was rather long for a one day's journey. Then too, Frances and her sisters were my father's first cousins, and they were all good friends. We all loved Frances, and were always glad for her to come and visit with us. But those days when Frances made those visits were days of long ago—seventy or more years, and for that reason I know nothing of the history of the Bolands in Union County, and will have to be content to give only that of the five daughters who lived and died near Gilbert.

ELIZABETH BOLAND

Elizabeth, the oldest of the five daughters of Henry Boland, was married to George Hallman. They were the parents of three children—two sons and one daughter—Johnnie, Henry, and Dora. Johnnie married Ophelia Jumper; Henry married Corrie Taylor, and Dora married D. Frank Price.

As a boy I knew Johnnie and Henry well. They often visited in our home in Little Mountain, South Carolina, and my four older sisters—Frances, Emma, Mary, and Ada—often visited in their home near Gilbert, South Carolina. They were very attractive young men. We esteemed them very highly. I am so sorry I do not know the names of their children, grandchildren, and other descendants. I know such knowledge would add much to our history.

FRANCES PRISCILLA BOLAND

Frances Priscilla, I think, was the second daughter of Henry Boland. I knew her well because of the many visits she made in our home when visiting her people in Union County. Then in 1894 I remember so well when I spent a night in her home. Besides this we knew her son, Columbus, quite well, and also her youngest daughter, Corrie, who is the widow of the Rev. W. H. Roof. For these reasons I will write more of Frances and her family than of the other four sisters. This will not be because I am partial, but because I will have more to write.

Frances was united in marriage to Edwin James Price, and they became the parents of five daughters and three sons. They were born in the following order: Sarah Henrietta, Georgiann Elizabeth, Pickens Columbus, Texanna Josephine, Madora

Evalena, James Cephas, Lawrence Fair, and Corrie Madalena. Four of these children, Texanna Josephine, Madora Evalena, James Cephas, and Lawrence Fair died young and left no marriage record.

Sarah Henrietta married George W. Price. They became the parents of four children: two daughters, Essie and Gussie, and two sons, Fred and Jake. Jake married a daughter of Henry Hallman, our cousin, but we do not have her name in our file.

Georgeann Elizabeth married Jacob W. Taylor. They became the parents of four sons and three daughters in the following order: James Moses, Perry Manuel, Maggie Pearl, Pickens Columbus, Mertis Maud, Sallie Estelle, and Sidney Latt. Then we have on file the marriage record of Mertis Maud Taylor. She is married to George Risinger, and they are the parents of one son and three daughters: Myrtle Gay Nell, Virgil Ray, Frances Margaretta, and Sara Elizabeth.

Pickens Columbus, oldest son of Frances and James Price, married Mary Eargle. They became the parents of two children, Frances, who married B. T. Bodie, a prominent real estate dealer in Columbia, and George Edward, who died in infancy. Mrs. Price and the Bodies live near the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia.

Pickens Columbus, in my mind, was without doubt the most industrious descendant of the John Boland family. Born in 1861 at Gilbert, South Carolina of poor but devout parents at the very outbreak of the great Civil War, his education advantage was poor and limited, and his early years were very hard. But he overcame these difficulties, and in the early "eighties" went to Columbia and entered business as a clerk in a dry good store. He soon started a mens clothing store business of his own. Here he made a great success and accumulate much wealth. As a sincere and devout Christian, he used this wealth to the glory of God, and became the most outstanding layman in the Lutheran Church. When he went to Columbia he early identified himself as, I think, a charter member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church. If not a charter member, then one of it earliest members. The congregation was then a weak and struggling mission with only a few poor members financially, and deeply in debt. Columbus stayed with it for many years and helped make it one of the strongest and most outstanding congregations in Columbia. When he left it to identify himself with the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, another weak mission, he did this to help that congregation to also become strong and influential. In both of these congregations he served as a layman under Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., and was a great friend and admirer of Dr. Greever, and under Dr. Greever's leadership greatly assisted him in the establishment of the Lutheran Publication House in Columbia in 1907. He was Treasurer of the building fund. Today that Publication House has become the strong Southern branch of the great Publication House of the United Lutheran Church of America, and is one of the great assets of the City of Columbia, as well as the Lutheran Church of America. In 1910 he again became one of Dr. Greever's ten men who obtained the beautiful site for the Southern Lutheran Seminary. He helped substantially from a financial standpoint in bringing the Institution to Columbia. He was treasurer of the Building Fund for the Voight Administraton Building, and also for two homes for professors. Later he and Mrs. Price donated a \$10,000.00 home to the Seminary as a memorial to their son and grandchild.

When Dr. Greever labored so hard for the establishment of the Lowman Home at White Rock, South Carolina Columbus was again one of his main helpers. For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees, and was Vice-President until his death. To appreciate aright what Columbus has meant to the Lutheran Church and to South Carolina, one must be acquainted with the value of the great institutions of the church and the two congregations he contributed to so generously.

Corrie Magdalena, the youngest daughter of Frances and James Price, is the beloved widow of the late Rev. Willie Hardee Roof. She lives near Lincolnton, North Carolina, where her illustrious husband is buried at Daniels Lutheran Church. It was there he served his last work. His ministerial and pastoral work covered many years of fruitful labor. He did an outstanding work in Tennessee and the Carolinas, and Corrie, his devoted wife, deserves to share as his faithful partner in that great work. He was for many years president of the Holsten Synod of Tennessee, and served on many committees of the Lutheran Church at Large. He was a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and the Southern Theological Seminary.

Pastor and Mrs. Roof are the parents of two sons and five daughters, born in the following order: Edna May, James Emerson, who departed this life April 28, 1933; Ruth Magdalena, who is married to Ralph B. Cherry; William Voight, who died in infancy; Frances Jane, who is married to Paul C. Bangle; Sarah Elizabeth; and Martha Price, who is married to James W. Sidbury. All of these children, with the exception of William Voight who died in infancy, are graduates of Lenoir Rhyne College.

SUSAN BOLAND

Susan Boland, the third daughter of Henry Boland, married Henry Price, a brother of James, who married her sister Frances. Of this union were born eight sons and two daughters: Tom, Hudson, Collins, George, Mack, Killian, Jake, Kenedy, Mary Jane, and Fangie. Tom married Lizzie Keisler; Hudson married Jannetta Leaphart; Collin married Mattie Wingard; George married Mary Derrick; Mack married Evelena Wingard; I am sorry, but I do not have the name of Killian's wife; Jake married Ann Keisler; Kenedy married Ruth Adams; Mary Jane married Will Addy; and Fangie married Sam Oswalt.

Killian, many years ago, was graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College. He then studied and was graduated in medicine. After his graduation he located in Hickory, North Carolina where he has ever since practiced his profession successfully.

I am sorry I do not have more information concerning this large and fine family. I am sure it would be interesting and would add to our history. I have given all the information I was able to gather in the short time I have had to make our research. What has been true of this family will also be true of the two following sisters.

LOU BOLAND

Lou Boland, fourth daughter of Henry, also married a Price. His name was Chesley, but Chesley was not a brother to James and Henry, and in so far as I know, was not related to them. Lou and Chesley are the parents of two children; a son, Maise and a daughter, Sallie. Maise married Rosabell Price and Sallie married James Taylor.

MARY ANN BOLAND

Mary Ann, the fifth daughter of Henry Boland never married.

Thus we come to the close of our chapter in so far as we have definite knowledge. However, since coming to North Carolina I have heard of Bolands in this state, and they are Lutheran. I have never contacted any of these Bolands. It is possible they may be descendants of the Henry Boland family from Union County, South Carolina, or it is possible that they may be descendants of the "eight lost tribes". It would be interesting to know.

As I have stated, Henry is the only one of John Boland's children, by his second marriage, that I know anything about; however, I have a cousin and a descendant of the second marriage, who has gotten information on two of the sons, John Jr. and David. He obtained his information from the following sources: family, census reports, historical writings, military records, etc. So with my knowledge and consent here are the facts (although not as complete as he would like) as given by E. Hugh Boland, 1642 Kessler Rd., Dallas 8, Texas. He thanks the following members of the Boland family for their help: Rev. L. P. Boland, Mrs. Sarah Boland Griffith, Mrs. H. B. Morgan, Mrs. H. L. James, Bradley Boland, Dr. Charles Boland, David Matthews, L. C. Boland, James S. Boland, and many others. Hugh says that he has had many fine experiences in conversation, telephone calls, and letters in the development of this part of the history.

John Jr. (1791-1855), son of "Old John" and his second wife, moved from Little Mountain, South Carolina with his family in 1827 to settled at Palmetto, Georgia. His brother, David, and family came at the same time. John Jr. served in the Seminole Indian War as a Captain. (Census reports and "Dictionary of Alabama Biography"). In 1837 he and David moved their families to Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. They were successful farmers. (Census report 1840).

John Jr. Boland had five sons and three daughters: Jessie, 1822 ? John III, 1824 ? The names of the other children are not known.

Jessie Boland married Mary A. Cole at Columbus, Georgia, February 8, 1842, and they had six children: James (Jim) 1845-1883; Eliza, 1847-1914; Newton Ezekiah (Newt), 1849-1919; John Milton, 1852-1911; Carrie (Newsom) 1856-1918; and Laura, 1858-?. Jessie was a farmer in Muscogee County and for a period of time he lived in Alabama. He joined the Confederate Army, May 11, 1861, and served until the war ended. He was paroled by the Federal Army April 25, 1865, at Greensboro, North Carolina. He served in the 5th Regiment Georgia Infantry and the 2nd Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters. He was a Corporal. His units were part of the Army of Tennessee and participated in such engagements at Battles of Nashville, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Atlanta and the Campaign in the Carolinas. During his service away from home, his three sons attended to the farm.

There is no information about the first son, James. Eliza will be mentioned later.

Newton Ezekiah, the second son, came to Oliver Spring Community, Comanche County, Texas, about 1886, to join his brother John Milton. Later he moved with his family to the Amity Community in the same county. Having worked in a cotton mill in Georgia, he liked to work around cotton gins and did this for many years. He died in 1919. He was twice married, first to Nealy ? and then to Eliza ?. By these wives seven children were born: three sons, Jim, Bertie, and Jack; four daughters, Willie, Callie, Mae, and Ella. Jim is probably deceased. Bertie lives in Shamrock, Texas and has a family. Jack lives in May, Texas and has no children. Willie married Bud Casper and had a large family. Callie married Ernest Strickland. Mae married Lawson Gattis and lives in Eastland, Texas. There is no information about Ella.

John Milton the third son of Jessie 1852-1911). Following the Civil War, he worked on his father's farm. About 1875 he worked in the cotton mills at Phoenix City, Alabama, along with other members of his family. In 1878 he left for Bell County, Texas along with some other people traveling to Texas. He came to Bell County because he already had a cousin, Josiah Boland, and a widow of William Boland, who lived in Maxdale, Texas. In 1879 he married Sallie Gibbs, a daughter of a Methodist minister. He moved his family to Comanche County (DeLeon) in 1883 after

building a log cabin on some acreage in the Oliver Springs neighborhood. While living here, other members of the family moved to this community from Georgia, his brother, Newt, and two sisters, Carrie and Eliza, two cousins, Johnny and "Lij." John Milton's sister, Eliza, was married to Peter Oden.

In 1892, he moved his family to the northwest part of Comanche County in the Shrum Community. He lived here until 1908 when he moved to Scranton, Eastland County, Texas, in order to send his children to Scranton Academy. He died October 5, 1911 and was buried in the Scranton Cemetery. John Milton was highly regarded by his friends and neighbors. He was an honest hard working thrifty man and an excellent provider for his family. He was a devoted Christian and member of the Methodist Church.

John Milton and Sallie Gibbs are the parents of eight children: Jessie, 1880; Edward, 1881-1891; Lee, 1883-1961; Ransome (Bus), 1886-1917; William David, 1888-1937; Felix Sales, 1890; Artie Tennyson 1893-1945; and Vinary, 1896-1953.

Jessie, the first son, was married to Lillie Richardson, born 1879. They were married December 20, 1903 and have four children; Gracie Ophelia, 1905; E. Hugh, 1908; James Milton, 1910-1936, deceased; and Aleta Mae, 1913.

The family of Jessie Boland lived on a farm in Comanche County in the Shrum, later Imola Community. All the children were born in the farm house which was built during the summer of 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Boland lived on this farm until they retired in 1958 and moved to May, Texas, six miles away. The children, except for Milton, who died in 1936, lived here until they left to make their own homes or to attend college. They lived the difficult life of the times, working hard to make a living. Their home was always a welcome place for the preacher as well as other friends and members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boland are now living a quiet life from the heavy toils to which they were accustomed all their lives. They are in fairly good health and thoroughly enjoy being visited by their children, grandchildren and many friends. They are devoted Christians and always attended church and Sunday School and brought their children up to follow this pattern of life. They still attend the Baptist Church services when they are able. Both are now in their eighties.

Gracie Ophelia, first daughter, married Herbert Glenn in 1924 and were blessed with one son and three daughters: Windle, Mildred, Barbara and Sue. The children are married and have children of their own. Herbert Glenn died in 1954. They lived on a ranch near May, Texas. Gracie continues to care for their ranch after her husband's death.

E. Hugh, the first son, graduated from high school in 1926 and from Texas A & M University in 1930 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He has been an employee of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company since graduation. He served four years, eight months during World War II, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. He married Reba Churchill in 1935 and they have two girls: Judy Kay Boland Vaughan, a graduate of the University of Texas, and Diana Lynn, who will enter the University of Texas in the fall of 1963. Judy Kay is a teacher in the Dallas Schools. Hugh and family live in Dallas where he is active in church and civic affairs. He is a deacon in the Baptist Church.

Aleta Mae, the second daughter, married O. B. Chambers in 1935 and they have one son, Gary Hugh, age 14. She has devoted her time to her home and to assisting her husband in his responsibilities as Principal of Early High School, Brownwood, Texas. They have just built a new home.

Lee, the third son of John Milton and Sallie Gibbs Boland married Lena Porchman. They are the parents of eight children: Mizaph Boland Starr, 1914; Melba Boland Starr, 1917; Roy Lee, 1920; John N., 1922; Mildred, 1924; James Don, 1926, deceased, 1929; William Joseph, 1930; and Lloyd Dale, 1932. The family lived on a farm near Scranton, Eastland County, Texas. Lee died in 1961. His wife survives him.

Roy Lee, first son of Lee, married Oma ? and they have three children: Carolyn Sue, 1945; Ronnie Lee, 1954; and Allen Wayne, 1960.

John N., the second son, is married to Flonnie ? and they have two children: Gregory Harold, 1953 and Howard Leland, 1955. John N. lives in Ft. Worth, Texas and is a teacher in the Ft. Worth Public Schools.

William Joseph, the fourth son, married Sue Ann ? and they have three children: Becky, 1951; William Neil, 1953; and Rita, 1961.

Lloyd Dale, the fifth son, married Dorothea ? and they have three children: Sylvia Diane, 1951; Dennis Eugene, 1953; and Cheryl Lynn, 1959.

No information concerning Mizpah Boland Starr, Melba Boland Starr, and Mildred was obtained.

Ransome (Bus), the fourth son of John Milton and Sallie Gibbs, was married to Mary ? They have one son, John Frank, born in 1911. John Frank is married to Pauline ? and they have one child, Janice Louise born in 1942. She has three children; Dorine, Hadesa, and Travis who died in infancy. Ransome (Bus) died in 1917.

Felix Sales, the sixth son, was twice married, first to Rosa Rutherford. They have two children: Rutherford David (R. D.) 1917 and one son deceased. Rutherford David is married to Mary Louise ? and they have three children: James David, 1947; Rosa Irene, 1950; and Louise 1954. The second wife of Felix Sales is Eva ? and they have no children. Felix and Eva live on the "Old John M. Boland" place near Scranton, Texas. He was a farmer and is now retired. He was once a deputy sheriff in Eastland County.

William David and Artie each married but did not have children.

William (Bill) for many years worked for a Wholesale Grocery Company in Dallas and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Artie was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company from 1919 until his death. Both Bill and Artie served in World War I.

No information was obtained about Edward and Vinary.

John Boland III, the second known son of John Boland, Jr., had two sons: Elijah and Johnny. Elijah (Lij) married Mandy a sister of Eliza. They came to Texas about 1886 and settled first in Comanche County. Later he moved to Baird, Texas. It is known that he had one son, Jessie Boland. He came to the funeral of Newt Boland in 1919 and visited with his cousin, Jessie Boland and family.

Johnny, Lij's brother, also came to Comanche County from Georgia about the same time. He later moved to Knox County, Texas, and the remainder of the family lost track of them. It is known that he had several children.

David Boland, another son of "Old John" by his second marriage, and his five brothers migrated from South Carolina. They were of German descent. David and his brother, John, came to Georgia where David became a ferryman on the Chattahoochee

River in Columbus, Georgia. One brother settled in Alabama, one in Texas, one in Pennsylvania, and one brother is unaccounted for.

David married Mary C. Jones of English descent. They were the parents of twelve children: John Wesley, born July 12, 1824; William J., 1826; Elijah N., 1828; Mary F., 1830; James F., 1832; Sarah E., 1834; Jeremiah McKenzie, 1835; Baby, unnamed 1836; Josiah A., 1837; Melvin A., 1840 (died at an early age), Martha F., 1842; and Nancy, 1846.

John Wesley, the first son, was twice married, first to Elizabeth Darden on May 30, 1847. She was born March 17, 1830. They were the parents of four children: Mary Jane born May 26, 1848; William Thomas, May 18, 1850; Charles Wesley, March 8, 1852; and John Fletcher, December 19, 1853.

Mary Jane married Wesley Kellum. They lived at Waverly Hall, Georgia and had one daughter, Ophelia, who married Doc Jones. They are all dead. Ophelia and Doc had one child, Pat. If living, she is in the vicinity of Birmingham, Alabama.

William Thomas, the first son of John Wesley Boland and Elizabeth was twice married. His first wife was Emma Leanna Scott. They were the parents of nine children: Emory, who was accidentally killed when twelve, Willa Mae, Minnie Ruth, Lena Victoria, Thomas Fletcher, Jeremiah Wesley, Katie Belle, James Izler, and Robert Elam Rowe. Willa Mae, the first daughter, married Charles Gustavus Waits, and their three children are: John Virgil, who married Clarie Snead, they have children and live in Washington, D. C. Walter Cicero who lives in North Carolina, and Mary Belle who married Marius G. Robertson. They live in Albany, Georgia, and have no children. Minnie Ruth, the second daughter, is married, has children and lives in Louisiana. Lena Victoria is married and has a family. Thomas Fletcher, the second son, is married and lives in Texas. He has two children: Minnie Gertrude and Mamie. Minnie Gertrude is married but do not know to whom. Mamie died when a child. Jeremiah Wesley, the third son, was twice married. He had two children by his first wife, a daughter Mrs. J. J. Remies of Jacksonville, Florida, and a son Scott, who is deceased. Jeremiah Wesley and both wives are dead. Katie Bell, the fourth daughter married Tom Carlisle. They are the parents of three children: William, Jean and Thomas. William married Lucille (?), and is with the Highway Patrol in Florida. Jean is married and lives in Ireland. Thomas is in college in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. James Izler, the fourth son, married Vera Smith. He was killed by lightning. They had two children: Nancy and Stanley. Nancy is married to Jim Ford, and lives in Tampa, Florida. Stanley lives with his mother in Tampa, and works in Bartow, Florida. Vera is remarried to Tony Perez. Robert Elam Rowe married Lula (?). They were the parents of two sons: one in North Carolina and one is married, but do not know to whom. Robert Elam is deceased.

William Thomas' second marriage was to Josephine Briggs, and they were the parents of seven children: George Ronnie lives somewhere in Oklahoma. Durward, deceased. Samantha Elizabeth was married twice. She has a family and lives near Deland, Florida. Fred is married and has children. He lives in Ocala, Florida. Wilburn has been married, has children, and lives in Dade City, Florida. Mildred was married twice. Her second husband is Lloyd Blasins and they live in North Carolina. There are no children. Killian is not married and lives in Ocala, Florida. William Thomas and Josephine are buried in Ocala, Florida, where they were living when they died.

Charles Wesley, the second son, of John Wesley and Elizabeth was twice married, first to Ella Kellum, sister of John Wesley Kellum. Their children were Pat, Tobe, Mamie, and Lila but do not know if any of them are married. Charles Wesley's second

marriage was to Mamie Kellum, another sister of John Wesley Kellum. He and his first wife are dead.

John Fletcher, the third son, is married to Susie Daniels, and they have three children: Ettie Veola, Joseph Samuel, and Thomas Jefferson.

Etta Veola married William Oscar Brasfield who is dead. They have no children. Joseph Samuel married Nona Johnson. They live in Montgomery, Alabama and have six children. Susie Leonara did not marry. She died in 1958. Joseph Samuel married Mary George. They have one boy and one girl. Nettie Virginia never married. Mildred, Martha Lois, and William Fletcher married and have families. Thomas Jefferson married Maggie Byrd. They have two daughters: Irene Lilian (Dolly) and Martha Christine. Irene Lilian married Eugene Preston Harden. They are both dead. They were the parents of six children: Herbert Thomas, Sara Mary George, Dorothy Fay, Eugene Howard, Gertrude, and Mary Sue. All live around Columbus. Martha Christine is married and has a family. After Thomas Jefferson's death, Maggie Byrd married a Mr. Watkins. They live in Montgomery, Alabama.

John Wesley's second wife was Esther Jane Fussell, born June 1, 1839. They were married April 12, 1855, and there were ten children: Benjamin Franklin born February 28, 1857; Elizah Anderson, October 11, 1858, died in infancy; Laura Ann, March 5, 1860; James David, January 12, 1862; Jeremiah Christopher, January 6, 1864; Wilburn Jackson, November 12 or 22, 1864; George Gabriel, December 24, 1867; Henry Iverson, January 12, 1870; Martha Frances, January 16, 1872; and Lurline, June 1, 1874, died in infancy. There is no information on Benjamin Franklin and Laura Ann.

James David, the second son of John Wesley and Esther Jane, married Mattie V. Homack, August 27, 1885. They had no children but they reared two: Fannie Hardin, September 26, 1887 and Willie D. Hardin, May 1, 1889. Fannie married and lives in Ellaville, Florida. There are no children. Willie served in World War I and was killed by a hit and run driver near Ellaville. James David and Mattie are buried at Midway Cemetery. Ft. Benning owns and keeps it up. Other members of the family are buried there.

Jeremiah Christopher, the third son, was thrice married. His first wife was Addie Macon Brooks, married August 28, 1884, and they are the parents of four children: Esther Lurline, January 24, 1888; infant twin boys, born and died 1889; and Clara, December 30, 1891. Esther Lurline married Dr. John Henry Twiggs on June 21, 1905 and they have four children: Lenora Evelyn, July 8, 1907; John Albert, August 21, 1909; Leary Aldine, January 1, 1911; and Forrest Boland November 9, 1913 and died April 16, 1915. Clara Boland married Henry Barabas Morgan December 26, 1911, and they are the parents of two children. Henry died July 1, 1947. Morland Jeremiah married Marie Pierce, and they have no children. John Tyler married Elizabeth Green and they have three children: John Tyler, Jr., Joan and Mildred, who married Robert C. Killion, and their children are: Clara, Roberta and Phylis.

Jeremiah Christopher's second marriage was to Sarah Elizabeth Safronia Kelly in 1905, and they are the parents of eight children: Kelly Arnold, August 31, 1906; Opal Stewart, September 23, 1908; Jeremiah C., Jr., November, 1909; George Fagin, July 10, 1911; Mabel Jewel, July 12, 1912; Sarah Elizabeth, December 23, 1914; Walter Maxwell, December 16, 1916; and Mary Edna, July 26, 1919. Kelly Arnold married Elizabeth Williams October 20, 1925, who died when their only child, Elizabeth, was born. Elizabeth married Fred McGee, and they have one son, Freddie. Kelly Arnold remarried to Annie Lou Carter, a widow, with three children: Annie Merle, Warren G. and William George who drowned. Opal Stewart died September, 1912. Jeremiah C.,

Jr., died February 18, 1920. George Fagin died August, 1911. Mabel Jewell married John Lawless, and they have one son, John Francis, who married December 24, 1942, and lives in Elbe, Alabama. Sarah Elizabeth born December 23, 1914, married Leonard L. Williams of Calhoun, Georgia, August 13, 1938. They have three children: Emmett Boland, Virgil Maxwell, and a daughter, Retha. Emmett Boland is in the Army. He married Gail Causby, December 21, 1958. Walter Maxwell, born December 16, 1916, was a Lieutenant in World War II, and married Mildred Tisdale, of Leominster, Massachusetts, a Catholic. Walter was wounded at Casa Blanca, North Africa, and died April 9, 1944. His body was sent by plane to Swange, England, where he is buried. Mary Edna married Otha Thaxton Jones of Geneva, Alabama, June 21, 1942. Their children are Terry and Sarah Edith.

Jeremiah Christopher's third wife was Mary Cornelia Rodney, a widow. They married September 7, 1920 and had no children. Mary had one married son, Burie, and his wife was Maggie ?. They had three boys and one daughter, Vernice, who married Claude ? and they live in Alabama.

Jeremiah Christopher died May 20, 1938. Addie Macon Brooks, his first wife died September 30, 1904. Sarah Elizabeth Safronia Kelly, his second wife, died February 24, 1920. Mary Cornelia Rodney, his third wife, died January 22, 1944.

Wilburn Jackson, born Nov. 1865, fourth son of John Wesley and Esther Jane, was married December 29, 1887 to Annie Barnes, who was born May 2, 1866. Wilburn died April 9, 1899, and Annie died March 26, 1899. They were the parents of eight children: Marvin Glenn born October 21, 1888; baby, February 7, 1890, died shortly after birth; Mignon, January 26, 1891; Wilburn, January 13, 1893; Bradley Raymond, September 10, 1894; Cecil Barnes, February 23, 1896; P. L., February 8, 1898; Susie, February 14, 1899.

Marvin Glenn was married and his children are Annie Lucie, Marie Glenn, Marvin G. Jr., and Rosamond Iris. Annie Lucie married Virgil B. Beaty of Barwick, Georgia, and they have twins: Annie and Elizabeth. Marie Glenn is married and has a son and daughter. Marvin G. Jr., is married and has one daughter. Rosamond Iris is married and has a son and daughter.

Mignon, born January 26, 1891, is married to William H. Urquhart and lived in Columbus, Georgia. He died in July, 1952. They were the parents of one child, Willie Mae, who married C. H. Forsyth. They are the parents of seven children: Helen, Mary Elizabeth, Velma, John W., William Ray, Mary, and Virgil. Helen is married. Mary Elizabeth married Fulton A. Gerke and their children are Tony, Debbie, and Keith. Velma married Paul Krayder. They live in Alexandria, Virginia, and work in Washington, D. C. John W. is married and has children. William Ray is married. Mary is married and has a daughter, Mignon. Virgil married April 19, 1953 to Sue Brannon Ray, a widow with a daughter, Diane. Virgil and Sue have two children: Virgil, Jr. and Wayne.

Wilburn was born January 13, 1893, and died April 23, 1894.

Bradley Raymond Boland, the third son, was born Sept. 10, 1894, and married Lois Gains December 25, 1915. Bradley was reared partly by Mrs. George Gammage (Aunt Otis) and partly by Jeremiah C. Boland (Uncle Jerry). Bradley and Lois live in Pahokee, Florida. They have eight children: Mary, Sara, Bradley, Jr., Ernest Pope, Robert Thomas (Tom), Otis Earl, Cecil Glen, and Jack E. Mary married H. J. Smith, and they live in Columbus, Georgia. Their children are: Jerry, who married Callie Brown in 1961, and Judy, who married Norman Powers and have one daughter, Rebecca, born 1960. Sara married Fred D. Griffith. They have one son, Philip Charles born November 24, 1960, and they live in West Palm Beach, Florida. Bradley, Jr.

married Janie Etheridge of Albany, Georgia. They have two children, Martha Ann and Bradley III, and live in Columbus, Georgia. Ernest Pope married Betty Florede Speer in 1951. They live in Athens, Georgia, and have two children: Barry Andrew and Martha Beth. Robert Thomas (Tom) married Gladys Whittington of Hawthorne, Florida. Their two sons are R. T., Jr. and David Neil. Otis Earl married June Richards and have two children: Raymond Thomas (Ray) and Laura Ann. They live in Miami, Florida. Cecil Glen married Janice Ann Williams of Connecticut in 1958 and lives in West Palm Beach, Florida. Their children are: Gary Glen and Lynn Ann, born 1961. Jack E. married Patricia Mock of Savannah, Georgia, and has one daughter, Suzanne, born 1960. They live in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Cecil Barnes, the fourth son, was born February 23, 1896. Like his brother, Bradley, he was reared partly by Aunt Otis and Uncle Jerry. In 1946 he married Helen Harper. She was born December, 1894.

P. L. the fifth son, born February 8, 1898, died February 21, 1898.

Susie, born February 14, 1899, the second daughter and the last child of Wilburn Jackson and Annie, was reared by Aunt Emma Collum. She was first married to W. R. Gresham, who died in 1949, and then married James Woods about 1950. They live at Buena Vista, Georgia.

George Gabriel, the fifth son of John Wesley, was born December 24, 1867. He married Etta Urquhart, born about 1877. They had six children: Henry Wesley died when a baby. Mary Esther married Thomas Charles Dykes and had one child. Annie Ruth married Riley Kimbrough. George Francis married Sarah Evelyn Andrews and had no children. His second marriage was to Kathleen ? and lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Augusta Louise married George D. Craft and have children. Her second marriage was to Edwin McPhail and they have children. Rosa Blanche married Mitchell Clegg and they have children.

Henry Iverson, sixth son of John Wesley, was born January 12, 1870. He married Addie Amanda Skinner, niece of Addie Macon Brooks Boland (Uncle Jerry's first wife. They were the parents of eight children: Irene May, Lurline Van, John Wesley, Bessie Ophelia, Sid, Orgie, Flossie, and Sarah Albertine.

Irene May married William Foley and they have ten children: John Henry, Virgie Mae is married, lives in Miami, Florida, and has one child. Her husband died recently. Willie Sherrell married Prescott ? Gaithel, W. D. ? Annie Irene married Danley ? Foland, Leary, Felix and Mildred.

Lurline Van married Plez Foley, a cousin of William (Irene May's husband) and they have nine children; William Lawrence, Myrtle Addie married Oliver ? and lives near Atlanta, Georgia. Evelyn married Beck ? Lois Lee married Messick ? Julia Vann married. Dorothy married. Willene married Hauckey ? John Frank and Plez, Jr. Lurline Van died when Plez, Jr. was a baby. Plez, Sr. kept William Lawrence. Uncle Henry Iverson kept the other children in his home.

John Wesley was thrice married. His first wife was Mary ? and there were no children. He had an adopted son, John Wesley, who is married and in the Navy. His second wife was Ruby ? . His third wife is Viola ? who works for Western Union Telegraph Company in Atlanta, Georgia. They have a home in Tyrone, Georgia. John Wesley has retired because of bad health.

Bessie Ophelia, third daughter of Henry Iverson and Addie, married Ismas Island, they have twelve children: Osborn, Glenn, Malcolm, who is married and has two boys, Jarvis, Louise, Edward, Lucille, Addie Pearl, Annie Margaret, James, Thomas Jeffer-

son, and Carol, who had infantile paralysis and lives with her sister, Louise, in Elba, Alabama.

Sid married A. D. ?. He married a second time and lives in Montgomery, Alabama. His family lives in Elba, Alabama. There are six children: Sarah J., Henry B., Harry Winston, Bettye Joyce, Carion Jean, and Billie Fred.

Orgie married Emmett Wagner and they live in Atlanta, Georgia. They have one son, Emmett Boland, who married recently.

Flossie married ? . She has one son, Todd, who lives in New York. Her second marriage was to Howard Wallace. They have one daughter, Mary Ann, who lives in Miami, Florida.

Sarah Albertine the last child of Henry and Addie is married and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Their children are: Wildon, who is married and lives in Atlanta; Tetsy, dead; Mary Nell, Doyle, Frances, who are all married; Daniel, graduated May 23; and Josephine, graduated in 1960. All live in Elba, Alabama.

Martha Frances, third daughter of John Wesley and Esther Jane, was born January 16, 1872. She was married to Joseph William Driver on December 16, 1888. He was born May 5, 1851. They had eight children: Thomas Jackson (Tom Jack) born November 12, 1889, Ida Lee, Jennie May, Martha Esther, Ada Vivian, Daniel Wesley, Mollie Vera, and Annie Callie.

Thomas Jackson married Lennie Tomblin and they had five children: Mary Frances, Danil Elmer, Harold, twins — Lloyd and Floyd. Lloyd is married and has one boy and one girl. Archie Wesley is married.

Ida Lee married Hardly Lee Festus Hughes. He is dead. Their five children are: Emmie Lee, who married Herbert Cail, has three children and lives in Florida; Alberta married Dursson, has three children, and lives in Florida; Josephine married Tyler ? has remarried, and has one boy and one girl; Rheubena has two children; the last child a son.

Jennie Mary married Lafayette Tomblin, brother of Lennie who is the wife of Thomas Jackson. Their seven children are: William, Lillian, Mildred, Edward, Thomas Robert, Edna, and Virginia. They live in and around Columbus, Georgia and Alabama.

Martha Esther died young. She married Edward Tomblin and their children are: Edward, Elizabeth, and Ellen.

Ada Vivian married Tony Naumcheff. There are no children. Ada Vivian is dead and her husband moved to California from Indiana.

Daniel Wesley married Lena Sorrells. They live in Ellaville, Florida, and have two children, Marie and Estelle, both married.

Mollie Vera married Thomas Naumcheff, brother of Tony. They have two children, Joseph, and Gloria Ann, who is married and lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Annie Callie married Gaylord Overmyer. Their children are: Richard Neil, married, and Gaynetta Joyce. Annie Callie was killed in Chicago by a truck. Gaylord married Mary ? . They come to Florida each fall and visit the relatives. She is a fine woman, and he is a very fine man. They live in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

William J., the second son of David and Mary C. Boland, enlisted in 1845 to serve with a Georgia Regiment during the Mexican War. Following his discharge, he returned with a buddy and settled in Bremond, Robertson County, Texas. There he married and

lived until his death about 1874. His widow later moved to Maxdale, Bell County, Texas, and lived with her daughter. She was granted a Widow's Pension in 1881 because of her husband's service in the Mexican War. William J. had three children: Hamp, Lizzie, and Carrier. Their grandfather, David Boland, partly reared them.

Elijah N., third son, was a chaplin in the Civil War. He died in Rome, Georgia, in 1863. He had two sons: Cornelius and Mach or J. M. who were reared partly by their grandfather, David. Both were ministers in South Georgia and North Florida Conference. Dr. J. M. Boland was President of Virginia College, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He has one son, Marvin, who was married to Earl ? . He was in Secret Service work at Ft. Benning during World War II. He lived in Oregon. He has since died and do not know if his wife is still living.

Mary F., the first daughter, married Christopher Culpepper September 5, 1844. They had one son, David Boland, and his grandfather partly raised him.

James F., the fourth son, enlisted for service in the Confederate Army from Taylor County, Georgia in 1861. He became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac with the 27th Georgia Infantry Regiment. He was killed in the Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland, September 19, 1862. He was a railroad man prior to his entry into the military service.

Jeremiah McKenzie, the fifth son, was a most prominent minister serving in Northern and Southern Alabama, Kentucky and West Virginia. His complete intinerary as a minister shows ministry in some of the greatest churches in the areas. He was also a writer of distinction. For a time he was president of a college in West Virginia and was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity several years before his death. (See "Dictionary of Alabama Biographies").

Josiah A., the seventh son. married Susan Hammock at Columbus, Georgia, September 30, 1858. He moved to Bell County, Texas about 1875. He was a preacher and a farmer.

It is interesting to notice that David and Mary C. Boland had three sons who were ministers of the Methodist Church. They were Elijah N., Jeremiah McKenzie, and Josiah A.

There is no information on Sarah E. and Nancy A., daughters of David and Mary.

Among the present living members of David Boland's family, whose name might be mentioned is Dr. Charles Boland of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a prominent Orthopedic physician in that city. Dr. Boland has visited in Dallas and has discussed the family history on numerous occasions with Hugh Boland.

Another who might be mentioned is Charlie Boland of Dallas, who is a grandson of Charles Boland who came to Texas several years ago. Charlie is a radio and television announcer on one of the Dallas stations.

CHAPTER V

BOLAND CHARACTERISTICS

We now come to the fifth and last chapter of our history. In this chapter we shall write of Boland characteristics.

One of the characteristics for which the Bolands are noted, is their large families. This is especially true of the Bolands in the earlier part of our history. John Boland, the sire of the family, as we stated in the first chapter, was twice married. His first marriage was to a Widow Counts from whom was born one son, Abraham. After the death of the wife of his first marriage, he was married to a Miss Feltman, who bore him seven sons—John, Henry, Adam, George, William, David, and Jacob—and two daughters, Barbara and Mary. Of the children of the second marriage, we know only about the children of Henry, who settled in Lexington County, South Carolina. We know only of five of Henry's daughters. Three of these daughters married Prices, who were brothers, and the third married a George Hallman. These three Prices and George Hallman were of Summet, Lexington County, South Carolina. The other six sons, and perhaps the two daughters all migrated to Georgia and nothing definitely is known of them although we are told that "the woods of Georgia are full of Bolands". While we know but little of the children of John Boland's second marriage, we do know a great deal of the children of Abraham, the son of the first marriage.

Abraham married Eva Christina Sease, and like his father became the father of ten children, nine sons and one daughter. The sons were William, Fred, Adam, Levi, Mark, Joe, Walter, Middleton, and Ozro. The daughter was Catherine, better known as Katy. They all grew to matured manhood and womanhood, married, and all had children except William and Levi. Mark became the father of two daughters and had six grandchildren. Ozro died before he was thirty, but he was the father of two sons—Dan, and John, and one daughter, Mary Alma. Mary Alma died as a child and therefore had no children. Dan was the father of ten children and John seven, making seventeen grandchildren of Ozro. Fred had nine children and thirty-two grandchildren. Adam had seven children and twenty grandchildren. Joe, of two marriages, had seventeen children and sixty - six grandchildren. Walter had ten children forty - eight grandchildren. Middleton had thirteen children and sixty-four grandchildren. Katy, the daughter, had nine children and fifty-seven grandchildren, making a total of two hundred and ninety-three great grandchildren for Abraham and Eva Christina Boland, or a grand total of three hundred and eighty-three children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The descendants of Abraham and Eva Christina Boland are not today to be numbered only by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren but by their great great grandchildren and great great great grandchildren, and their great great great great grandchildren. Today, Middleton Boland, next to the youngest son and next to the youngest descendant of Abraham and Eva Christina Boland, has a grand total of over four hundred children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great great and great great great great grandchildren. Since this is true, then conceive, if you can, the number of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great and great great great and still more the great great great great great grandchildren of Abraham and Eva Christina Boland. Since this is true, then how much more marvelous still is the number of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great, and great great great, and great great great, and great great great great great grandchildren of John Boland.

In the history of Middleton and Barbara Boland, we stated that of the more than four hundred descendants representatives could be found in the District of Columbia, in at least twelve states in America, in both Europe and Asia, and perhaps in Africa. Since this is true of the Middlenton Boland family, who was only one son of Abraham Boland and a grandson of John Boland, where then in the four corners of the earth would you cease to search for the descendants of John and Abraham Boland were you to begin such a task? If it were not so stated in the Scriptures that seventy of Jacob's descendants went down in Egypt and in four hundred and thirty years produced about three million descendants, I could scarcely believe it. Yet if John Boland as a single man setteled in the "Dutch Fork" of Lexington County, South Carolina, about the year 1782, about one hundred and seventy-three years ago, and became the sire of such an inconceivable number of inhabitants, what will the harvest be in two hundred and fifty-seven years more? We give these figures because it will take that long, from 1782 to the year 2212, to make four hundred and thirty years the number of years Israel was in Egypt. I repeat it. If seventy souls of Israel went down in Egypt and in four hundred and thirty years produced about three million people, what will the descendants of the one man, John Boland, be in the year 2212, which will be four hundred and thirty years from his settlement in Lexington County, South Carolina?

We started the present chapter by stating that "One of the characteristics for which the Bolands are noted is their large families." I think I have submitted enough facts to prove that statement.

Another characteristic of the Boland family is, it is a strong, vigorous, and hardy family. How true this must have been of John Boland, the Hessian, and sire of the family. We do not know definitely how old John Boland was at the time of his death, but it is thought he was eighty years old, but as previously stated, I think 78 years is closer. He must have been a strong, vigorous character. Especially do we think this is true since he was a German, for Germany is noted for its strong, hardy race. More especially it is true, since he came to America, as one of the many thousand mercenary soldiers to fight for the British cause. Great Britain would employ none other than such to fight her cause, so John Boland must have been physically strong and vigorous. Since John Boland was such a man, history has proved his posterity of the same material, in so far as we know. We say in so far as we know, becuse in the first chapter we said we did not know anything of the history of the six sons and two daughters who migrated to Georgia. All we know is the history of the Bolands in South Carolina and Mississippi. Of the Bolands in South Carolina and Mississippi, I personally, have seen and heard much, and their number is large. Yet as large as that number is I, personally, have known only one physical deformity by birth, and that was one of my sisters. I think that is a record. Could we not easily surmise that the same may be true of the Bolands in Georgia?

The Bolands are not only a vigorous and hardy people physically but the same is true of them mentally. True, I have seen many people who are far more brilliant than the average Boland, and also, many far less brilliant than the average, but I do not recall that I ever heard or saw a Boland idiot or feeble-minded. My sister, who was deformed at birth, was very bright mentally. I think the brightest of our family.

Another characteristic of the Boland family, is its very high percentage of literacy. In the history of Middleton and Barbara Boland, to our pleasant surprise, we found that of more than four hundred of their descendants, over seventy of them held diplomas from more than twenty-five different colleges and universities. That is over seventeen

per cent, or about one out of every six. Then we further found over thirty-five others of their descendants who received instruction from these same colleges and universities, but who did not graduate. That meant over one hundred and five of their descendants received college and university instruction, which was over twenty-five per cent, or about one out of every four. That is one example of the literacy percentage of the family. As a result of this high percentage of literacy, we found there are over four hundred descendants who were enable to engage in over twenty-five different professions in life, instructors in schools, colleges and universities, farmers, ministers, railroad employees, merchants, salesmen, banker, lawyer, accountants, contractors, church workers, nurses—in fact, almost every calling in life but physicians. We said “Curiously enough we found no physicians in the Middleton and Barbara Boland family.” But such is not true of the Abraham and Eva Christina Boland family. In this family we find even physicians, and going back to the descendants of John Boland, we find more physicians and many more Bolands of different professions than the twenty-five or more professions in the Middleton and Barbara Boland family.

Another prominent characteristic of the Bolands is their record as citizens. They have an enviable record as good citizens. When we say they have an enviable reputation for good citizenship, that does not necessarily mean that they have been politicians or office seekers or office bearers, for they have not been such a people. In the record of the Middleton and Barbara Boland family over four hundred descendants, we find one Boland, Ralph Boland, great grandson, who has ever held an elective office. He was a member of the General Assembly of South Carolina from Charleston. Besides this one exception, I personally know of but one other member of the family who ever sought the sufferage of the people. What is true of the Middleton and Barbara Boland family, I think, is also true of the entire John Boland family. At least that is my impression of the family in South Carolina and Mississippi, and I have every reason to surmise that it is true of Bolands in Georgia. At least I have never heard of a Boland of this family who became a President or a member of the Cabinet, or a judge, or a congressman, or a governor of a state, or of any other prominent position. True, not many years since there was a Boland, I think Pat Boland by name, who was very prominent congressman, I think “The Whip of his Party”, but he was from Pennsylvania and not from the South, and very unlikely not a member of our family. Because of his reputation as a congressman I for one wish we could claim him as a member of our family but realize there is no foundation for such a hope.

But what if there are not any politicians, nor lawmakers, nor office bearers in the family? That is not necessarily an essential to good citizenship. Politicians and office holders and lawmakers are often time loud, boisterous, noisy people, mud-slingers, defamers of reputation and character, men and women who are willing to stoop low, and things unbecoming to attain personal grandizement. Of course, not all politicians are such people, there are some politicians and office bearers like William Jennings Bryan and President Eisenhower and others who are clean and pure and of good repute, who do not use personalities nor defame people, and yet there are politicians of another type who even try, but to no avail, to besmirch and defame such characters as Bryan and Eisenhower. But the Bolands are not politicians, and very few have been office bearers or lawmakers. Neither of the pure, nor base type of politics has this been true. And is not that also an inherent characteristic of the German people? Today a very large percent of our American people is of German origin. I think I am safe to say that there are more Americans of German descent than any origin except English. And yet, it is amazing to know of how few of our lawmakers and politicians in America have been as compared to such people, who have been descendants of other

nationalities. Of our long history as a nation with thirty-three men who have been presidents, President Eisenhower is the only one of German descent. Coming nearer to Eisenhower were Van Buren and the two Roosevelts. But those three men were of Dutch and not German descent.

Since the Bolands then have never been politicians in what do we then claim good citizenship as a special characteristic for them? To this question we answer first, because of their quiet and peaceable law-biding disposition, and in the second place, their thrift to live and do such things as make a nation great, as a rule you do not find loud and boisterous people among the Bolands, neither lawbreakers nor disturbers of the peace. Nor do we find vagrants in the family, but a people of a quiet and peaceable disposition, and a people of thrift. A people who live and try hard to do the things which make nations great.

In the Boland family, as we personally know the family in South Carolina and Mississippi, crime has been almost negligible. Hard drunkards are and have been few, and very few divorces, no thieves, nor murderers. In fact, if crime were as negligible as a whole in our country as it is in the Boland family, then we would have little need of criminal courts and places of criminal imprisonments. And what we find to be true of the Bolands in South Carolina and Mississippi we have reasons to presume it is also true of the family in Georgia.

And yet as little interested as the Bolands are in politics, they are at the same time a patriotic people. While they seldom seek the suffrage of the people, they as a rule always vote in our elections, but vote according to the dictates of their conscience and always allow all other people the same privilege.

In war, John Boland himself was one of the many Hessian soldiers who deserted the British and joined our American Forces and fought for our cause. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Bolands had few slaves and little or nothing else in common to make them secessionist and consequently opposed secession. But that was no sign that they were unpatriotic. If so, then, Robert E. Lee of Virginia, Wade Hampton of South Carolina, Alexander Stevens of Georgia, and many other great Southerners who did own slaves and had wealth were also unpatriotic, for they all sternly opposed secession. However, when secession swept the South, Middleton Boland without a murmur left his home and family, and with three nephews of South Carolina, Jonas Boland, Sam Boland and Charlie Shealy, fought the war through. This is also true of his brother, Walter, of Mississippi, who with his son, Marion, and four nephews, Uriah Boland, Wesley Boland, Jim and William Boland, who likewise left their homes and fought the war through. This is a record of two grandsons and eight great grandsons of John Boland who served faithfully in the Confederacy and added to this fact two of these great grandsons, Jonas and Wesley gave their lives in the cause.

Since World War I, it has been revealed that at least twenty of Middleton Boland's descendants have served their country on land and sea and in the air. All of these in America and some in Europe and Asia. Since this is true of the Middleton Boland family, who are the descendants of only one of the many grandsons of John Boland, how much more interesting would it be to know the number of all the descendants of John Boland who have faithfully served their country since the beginning of World War I?

There are many other characteristics of the Boland family we could well write, had we the time and space, but we shall write of only one other, and that is their religious characteristic. This characteristic, though the last, is not the least characteristic.



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of the present day, better known as "The Old Piney Woods Church."

The original St. Peter's Church was demolished not too many years ago.

The Bolands are and have always been a religious people, not of the Pharasaic kind to be seen and admired only by men. Not of the flashy lightning kind, nor one of great noise but of a deep quiet kind. This must have been quite true of John Boland, our great sire. We have never heard of a great display of his religion, and yet we believe he was religious, and deeply religious. We believe this, because he was a German, and the Germans have always been a religious people. We say this despite the many ugly things said of them in and since World War I. And not only do we say that John Boland was religious because he was German but especially because he was a Hessian. The Hessians have always been deeply religious. When the great missionary, Boniface, went to Germany in the early part of the eighth century, he at first met with little success. It was only when he came to the two provinces of Bavaria and Hesse that he made success. Then in the sixteenth century when Luther brought about the great Reformation, Hesse was one of the first provinces to discard Romanism and espouse the cause of the Reformation. And ever since the Reformation it has stood firm as a Lutheran Province.

Before the writing of this history, it had never occurred to me why John Boland and a few other Hessians, after the American Revolutionary War, came and settled in the "Dutch Fork" of Lexington County, South Carolina. I think I now have the reason. It was because this section had been settled wholly by German people and was one hundred percent Lutheran. There were other sections in the early history of our country which had been settled entirely by Germans, but such sections were not so often settled by Germans, and were one hundred percent Lutheran. The religion of much of these sections was both German Reform and Lutheran, but not so in this "Dutch Fork". Here the religion of these people was entirely Lutheran. In the "Dutch Fork" there has never been a Reformed Church. I, myself, was born in the "Dutch Fork" in the early part of 1875 but never saw a German Reformed Church nor a member of the same until I became a Lutheran pastor in North Carolina in the latter part of 1904. And not only so, but I personally know that for many early years of the twentieth century, there was but one weak congregation of any denomination other than Lutheran in the "Dutch Fork" from almost if not entirely from Prosperity, South Carolina, to Columbia, South Carolina. And I am not quite so sure, but I think that the same condition still prevails. Since that is true, is it not reasonable to then conclude, that it was the prevailing Lutheran conditions at the time that induced John Boland to settle in the "Dutch Fork." To further prove that such was his reason for settling in the Fork, when John Boland made this choice, there were at the time four well organized Lutheran congregations in the "Dutch Fork". St. John was organized in 1750; St. Paul in 1761; Bethany in 1762; and St. Jacob in 1776. Three of these four congregations were less than ten miles from the place John Boland settled. Just which he became a member of I do not know but likely St. John's.

To prove the wisdom of this settlement by John Boland, it was just about twelve years after his settlement, that good old St. Peter's, better known as the "Old Piney Woods Church" was organized in 1794, in less than two miles of the Boland plantation. John Boland and his wife and four or five of his older children must have played a very important part in this organization. They must have been charter members, while the five or six of the ten younger children must have been baptized there. Incidentally, it would be very interesting to know the number and names of the John Boland family who have in some way been connected with the dear "Old Piney Woods Church." To know how many who have been baptized there. Then, how many have been catechized and confirmed there. How many have been married, and how many have been buried by some of her pastors. Let us think of some who have been baptized there. There

have been children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and great great great grandchildren, great great great great great grandchildren, and great great great great great and perhaps great great great great great great grandchildren of John Boland who have been baptized in this old church. I know both my father and mother and maternal grandmother were baptized, catechized, and confirmed there. I, a great grandson, was baptized there over eighty years ago. All my other twelve brothers and sisters, who were also great grandchildren, were baptized there, eleven of them before I was born. I know of at least a dozen of my nephews and nieces, some older than I and some a little younger who were baptized there. I know that not only my father, but all eight uncles and one aunt were all like my father baptized, catechized, confirmed, and married by pastors from this church. I know four uncles and my aunt remained life long members of the church and were buried by her pastors. One of these uncles is buried in the "Old Piney Woods" cemetery. I know of the two hundred and ninety two great grandchildren of Abraham Boland alone and these were great great grandchildren of John Boland. I know all these with the exception of possibly five or six were all baptized in this church. And while I do not know how many of these have been catechized, confirmed, married, and buried by pastors of this church, I know the number is great.

I could easily go on and on telling of the descendants of John Boland who have in some way been connected with this old church, but why do so? If any reader becomes so interetsed as to carry the thought further, I suggest that such a one will be able to find material enough to carry the research almost indefinitely. And if you ask me why I have written what I have about John Boland and his connection and the connection of his descendants with this one congregation: I answer because it is one of the many reasons to prove that one of the characteristics of the Bolands is their religion. And what I have in this one instant proved that the Bolands are a religious people I think also proves their religion in action.

But I am not going to stop with this characteristic as it applies only to old St. Peter's Church. To stop with this would not do this Boland characteristic justice. When John Boland settled in the "Dutch Fork" of Lexington County, South Carolina, there were already four well organized Lutheran churches in Lexington County, two more in nearby Newberry County, and two others in the state of South Carolina making eight in all. Of the organization of these eight churches, the Bolands have had nothing to do. But since the South Carolina Lutheran Synod has been organized in 1826, in the heart of the "Dutch Fork" not over fifteen miles from the John Boland settlement. Today that synod has 128 congregations in the state with a baptized membership of over forty-one throusand. Of these 128 congregations 71 congregations are found in Newberry, Lexington, and Richmond Counties of which the "Dutch Fork" is the heart. Of the more than 41,000 baptized membership of the South Carolina Synod over 26,000 are from the seventy congregations of Newberry, Lexington and Richmond Counties, which is about sixty four per cent of the Lutheran population in South Carolina. Now just how many of these seventy congregations some of the Bolands have at some time been connected and today are connected will never be known. It would be very interesting to know. And not only so, but we find some of these Bolands have been are in other churches of the South Carolina Synod, such as Clinton and Charleston and other places, and even some in the Lutheran Church in other states. And coming back to the "Dutch Fork", right in the heart of this territory we have the Lowman Home, a great institution of the United Lutheran Church of America. An institution practically one hundred years old and has been instrumental in educating thousnds of students for almost every vocation in life. In nearby Columbia we have the Lutheran Publication which is a most valuable asset to the United Publication House of America. In Columbia also we have our Lutheran Theological Seminary of the South, where

hundreds of men have been prepared for the ministry. Many have been the students of the Boland family who have been educated at Newberry College and our Lutheran Theological Seminary of the South. And of how much the Bolands have done in the support of these four institutions will never be known. In our first chapter we told you what Columbus Price did for the establishment of both the Publication and the Lutheran Seminary and of the Lowman Home. He was one of the few great contributors of all three of these institutions in both influence and cash. And I also know a great supporter of Newberry College. Columbus Price like myself is a great grandson of John Boland.

But of what we have written of the religious characteristic of the Bolands has been mostly of the Bolands in South Carolina and in and through the Lutheran Church in South Carolina. A very small percentage of the Bolands in South Carolina, have espoused the faith of other denominations. Methodist and the Presbyterians. This percentage has been small but wherever done has become a great asset to these denominations they have gone. Back in the 19th century three of John Boland's grandsons migrated to Miss.—William, Fred, and Walter. William had by choice espoused the Methodist religion before his migration, and though he had no children, became a great asset to the Methodist Church in Mississippi. Fred and Walter later migrated to Miss. and reared large families and their descendants are today many. These two Bolands migrated Lutherans and I think would have remained Lutherans had there been a Lutheran Church where they migrated. I know this would have been true of Walter. But finding no Lutheran Church there they joined the Methodist Church and from my own personal observation have become a most wonderful asset to the Methodist Church in the community of which their descendants live. Then as we stated elsewhere in our history, six sons and two daughters of John Boland's second marriage long since migrated to Georgia and have been to our great regret lost to our history and to the Lutheran way of faith. We know not to what denomination or denominations these Bolands have gone. But we do believe that wherever they are they are still Christians and a great asset in religious life and influence to all people with whom they come in contact. And with this chapter on Boland characteristics, we close our history with the hope that each generation continues the search.



